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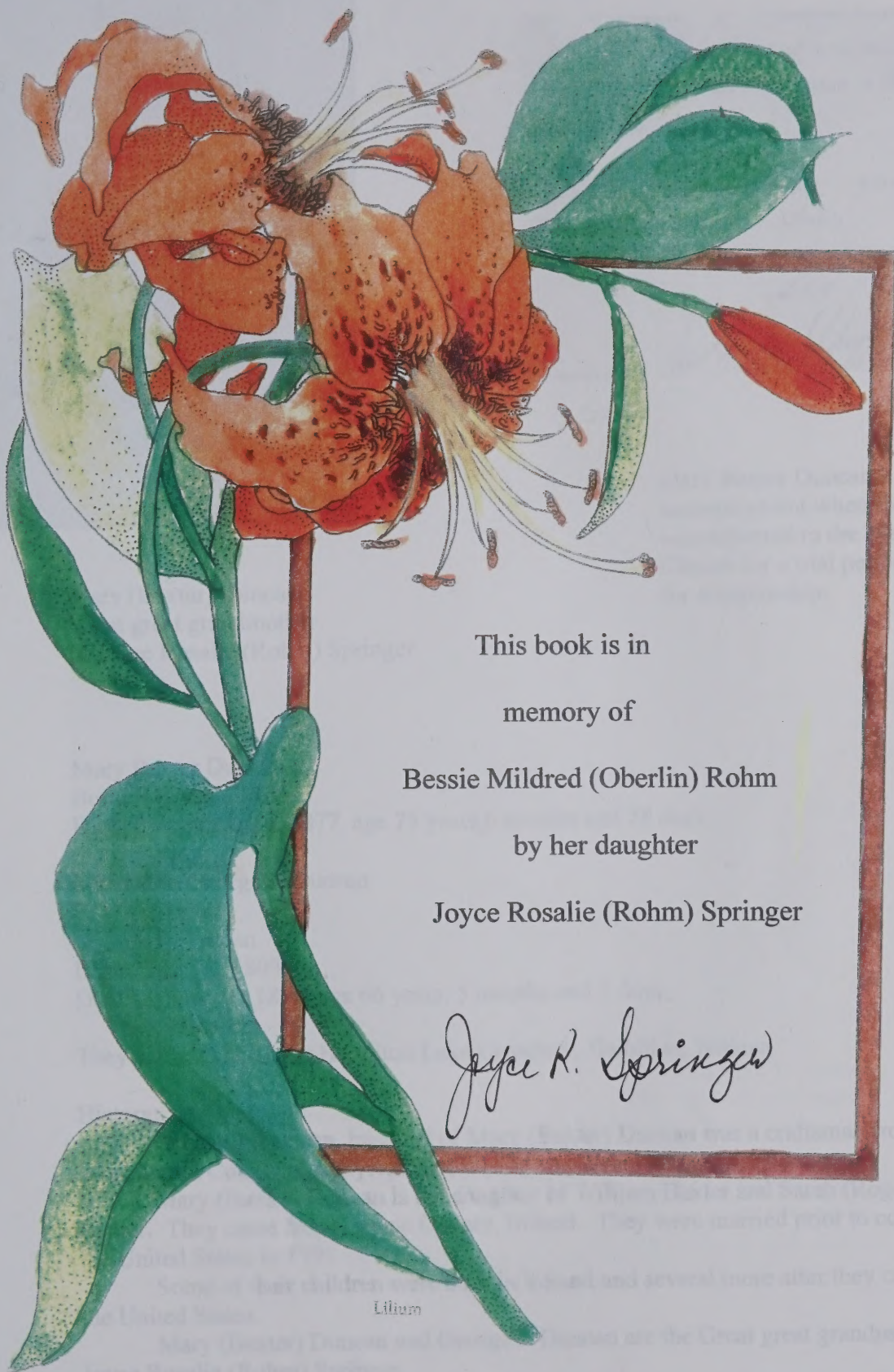


*Bessie
Mildred
Oberlin
Rohm*

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memory of
Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Rohm
by her daughter
Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer

Joyce R. Springer

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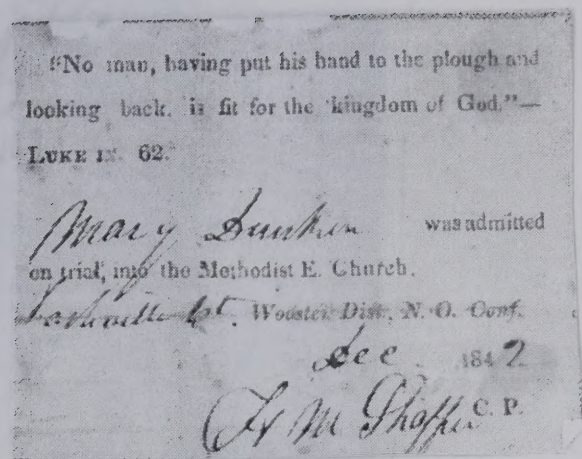
This book is in
memory of
George William (Gordon) Kohn
by his daughter
Joyce Kohn (Kohn) Grogan

April 1994

Gift to the Kohn family



Mary (Baxter) Duncan
Great great grandmother
of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer



Mary Baxter Duncan's
announcement when she
was admitted to the Methodist
Church for a trial period hoping
for membership.

Mary Baxter Duncan
Born: March 13, 1804
Died: December 10, 1877, age 73 years 6 months and 28 days

Married to George J. Duncan

George J. Duncan
Born: July 20, 1803
Died: January 6, 1870, age 66 years, 5 months and 5 days

They are both buried at Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana

History:

George J. Duncan, husband of Mary (Baxter) Duncan was a craftsman from Washington County, Pennsylvania. Later he was a shoemaker.

Mary (Baxter) Duncan is the daughter of William Baxter and Sarah (Rogers) Baxter. They came from Tyrone County, Ireland. They were married prior to coming to the United States in 1791

Some of their children were born in Ireland and several more after they came to the United States.

Mary (Baxter) Duncan and George J. Duncan are the Great great grandparents of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer.

One of their children, Sarah Jane Duncan married Charles Corbin. Sarah Jane and George Corbin are the parents of Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin, grandmother of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer and George Corbin, the Great uncle of Joyce.



Charles and Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin
Married March 27, 1856
on a Sunday

**They are the great grandparents of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer
and David Lisle Rohm**

Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin
Born: November 19, 1828
Died: 1864 age 36

Charles Corbin
Born: October 2, 1825
Died: January 30, 1878 age 53

Both are buried at Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana

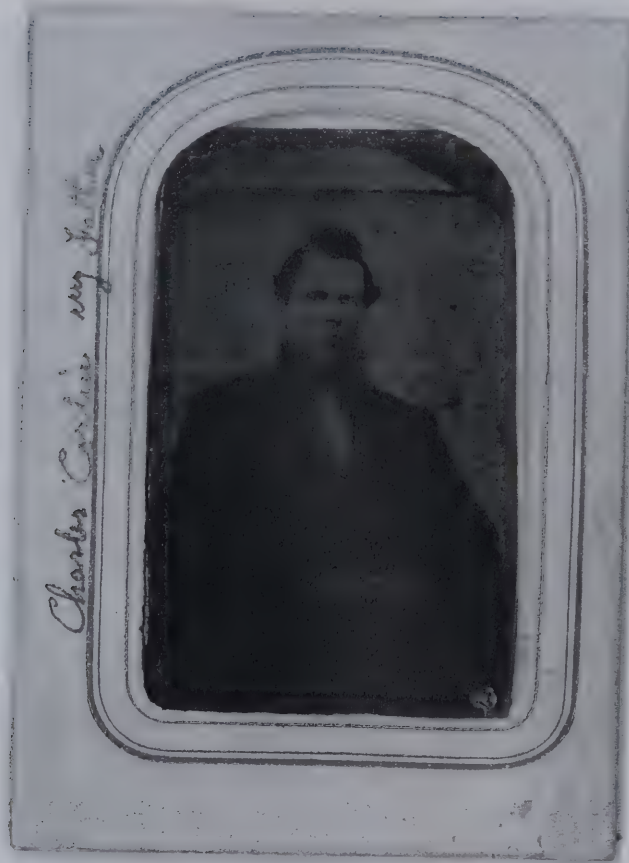
**They had two children, George Douglas and Mary Ni Etta, grandparents of
Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer and her brother David Lisle Rohm**

George Douglas Corbin
Born: February 25, 1860
Died: October 22, 1940 age 80

Mary Ni Etta Corbin
Born: November 1, 1868
Died: July 30, 1923 age 55



Charles Corbin, Great grandfather of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer
Circa: 1850's



Charles Corbin

Charles Corbin is the great grandfather of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer and her brother David Lisle Rohm

History:

Charles Corbin married Sarah Jane Duncan March 27, 1856.

Charles Corbin	Born: October 25, 1825
	Died: January 30, 1878

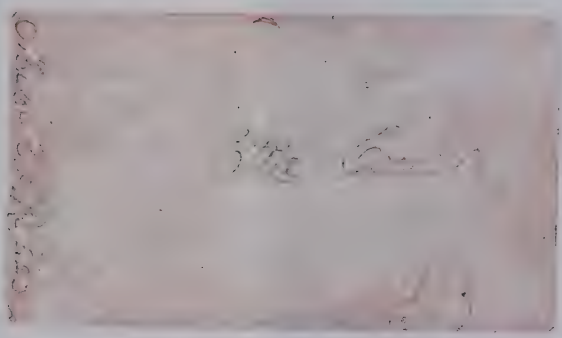
Sarah Jane Corbin	Born: November 19, 1828
	Died: 1864 age 35 years 10 months and 10 days

Both are buried at the Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

The couple had two children born to their marriage. George Douglas and Mary Ni Etta. Mary Ni Etta is the mother of Bessie (Oberlin) Rohm and Bessie is the mother of Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer and David Lisle Rohm. George Douglas Corbin is the great uncle of Joyce and David.



This is the tombstone of my great grandfather Charles Corbin. He is buried in the Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana. His wife Sarah Jane Corbin is buried to the right next to him. As of 2009, Sarah's tombstone was broken and is lying on the ground partially covered with dirt.



My grandmother Mary NiEtta Oberlin
and her Old Settler's Day
August 10, 1922
June 17, 1915

54th.
OLD
Settlers'
Day



DeKalb
County
AUGUST
10
1922

*Etta
Oberlin*

OLD SETTLER

June 17, 1915
AUBURN, IND.





The picture was taken on the front porch of my
Grandmother Mary Ni Etta Oberlin.
Taken 1913

Far left: George Lemuel Oberlin and his wife Nellie Katherine (Marker) Oberlin.

Center part of porch, back row, L-R:

Commodore Perry Oberlin, Margaret (Maggie) Corbin, George Douglas Corbin and
Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin

Next row down seated, L-R:

Bessie M. Oberlin (Joyce Springer's mother) and Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier

Bottom row, L-R:

Richard Oberlin Rainier, Hilda Rainier, Mary Edrie Corbin and Margaret (Oberlin) Evans

Standing at the right: Elmer Evans first husband of Margaret Marie Oberlin

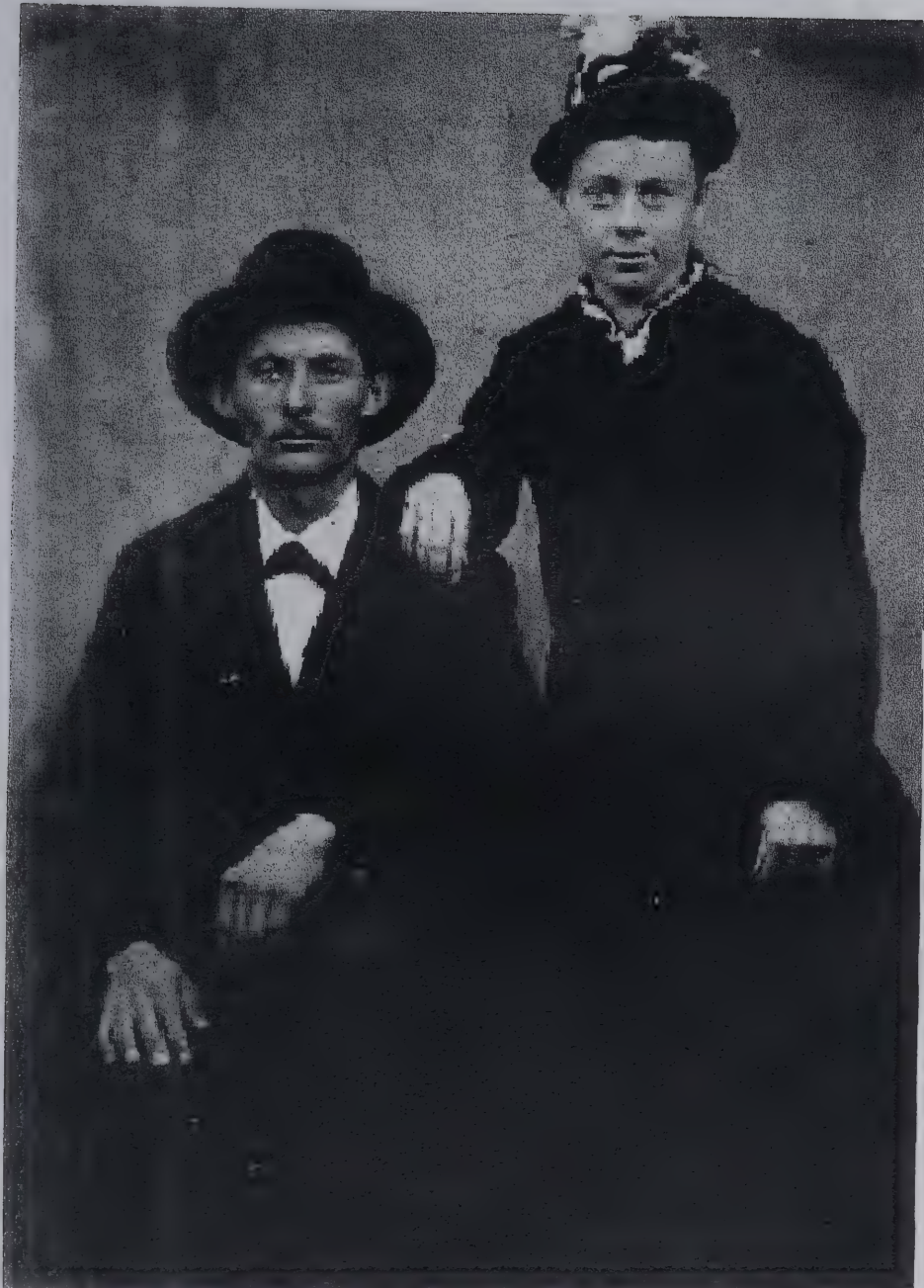


Upper left:

George Douglas Corbin, son of Charles and Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin
Born: February 25, 1860
Died: October 22, 1940 and is buried in Circle Cemetery, Hudson, Indiana.

Upper right:

Mary Ni Etta Corbin, daughter of Charles and Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin
Born: November 1, 1868
Died: July 30, 1923, buried in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana



Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin and Commodore Perry Oberlin

This picture was taken two months before they were married August, 1878 December 16, 1878. Mary NiEtta was age 19 and Commodore was age 20. My mother Bessie Rohm said that Mary NiEtta called him "Commie"



Upper: Commodore Perry Oberlin age 19
and Mary Ni Etta Corbin age 18.

Lower:

Commodore Perry Oberlin

Born: March 22, 1858

Died: June 25, 1936

age 73 years 3 months and 3 days

He died at Souder hospital Auburn, Indiana

The hospital was razed on 2008

His doctor was Dr. Harry Covell

Commodore died of Chronic Myocarditis.

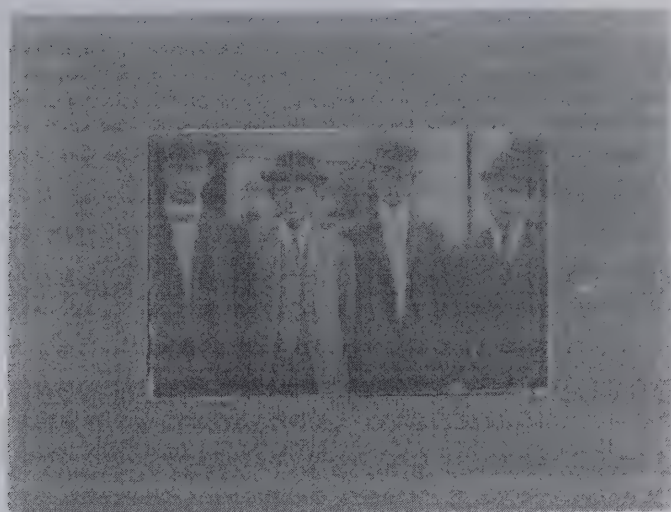
His funeral was on Saturday June 27, 1936.

He is buried next to his first wife

Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.





L-R: George Lemuel Oberlin, Commodore Perry Oberlin, Elmer Evans and Commodore Edward Oberlin. George and Commodore Edward are the sons of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin. Elmer Evans is the first husband of Margaret Marie Oberlin.





The grandparents of Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer
and her brother David Lisle Rohm.
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin
Circa 1920s

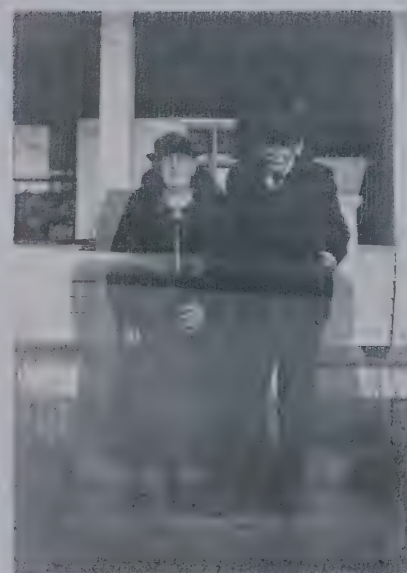


George Douglas Corbin
Son of Charles Corbin and Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin and great uncle to
Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer

George Douglas Corbin
Born: February 25, 1860
Died: October 22, 1940



Margaret Eudora (Chapmen) Corbin and her husband
George Douglas Corbin at the home
of Uncle Ora and Aunt Maggie Warstler's home
at 250 South Center Street Auburn, Indiana
Taken 1938





My Great uncle George Douglas Corbin and my Aunt Maggie Warstler
at the Warstler home at 250 South Center Street Auburn, Indiana
Taken 1938



Upper left: Margaret Eudora (Chapman) Corbin and husband George Douglas Corbin at the home of Ora and Maggie Warstler's home at 250 South Center Street Auburn, Indiana.

Upper right:

Taken March 18, 1923 at the log cabin home of George and Margaret Corbin north of Waterloo, Indiana.

L-R:

George Douglas Corbin, Margaret Corbin, Mary Edrie Corbin and George Oberlin. The boy in front is Richard Leroy Oberlin, son of George Oberlin.

The log cabin was north of Waterloo, Indiana. Turn east at Barker's Chapel and go about a mile. On the north side of the road is where the log cabin was located.

Mary Edrie Corbin purchased a home on Indiana Street Ashley, Indiana where the Corbin's moved. They lived there until their deaths in 1940.

Edrie also married Verald Teegardin and lived at this same residence. He passed away in 1940.



A better view of the Corbin log cabin. I got to see it several times before it was razed. It was very quaint. There were still some fabric balls made of strips of cloth left in a space in the log cabin. Strips of cloth are sewn together and made into balls to make a rag rug. Taken April 1, 1923

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E. Oberlin
by Ed. Oberlin

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George Corbin
Summit Ind

This is a picture of the log cabin that my great aunt Margaret Eudora (Maggie), my great Uncle George Corbin and their daughter Mary Edrie lived at Summit Indiana.
This picture was taken by my Uncle George Oberlin April 1, 1923



Oberlin Grocery Store 1924

The Oberlin grocery store was located at 525 West 7th Street on the south side of the street Auburn, Indiana. The store was owned by my grandfather Commodore Perry Oberlin.

Upper, L-R:

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, Sara Oberlin Commodore's 2nd wife, Ida Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin, Hilda Rainier, Nellie (Marker) Oberlin, Bessie (Oberlin) Rohm and Margaret Marie Warstler.

Lower, L-R:

Commodore Edward Oberlin, Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, George Oberlin, Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Warstler Commodore Perry Oberlin and Bessie M. (Oberlin) Rohm



Oberlin Grocery Store 1924

The Oberlin grocery store was located at 525 West 7th Street on the south side of the street Auburn, Indiana. The store was owned by my grandfather Commodore Perry Oberlin.

Upper left, L-R:

George Oberlin, Commodore Edward Oberlin, Ralph Rainier, Commodore Perry Oberlin and my dad Ford L. Rohm

Upper right, L-R:

Commodore Edward Oberlin, Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, George Oberlin, Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Warstler, Commodore Perry Oberlin and Bessie M. (Oberlin) Rohm



The very back row, L-R: Ida Mae Oberlin and Commodore Edward Oberlin.
 Next row down, L-R: Etta May Rainier, Margaret Marie Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin.
 Bottom row, L-R: Richard Oberlin Rainier, Hilda Rainier and Bessie Oberlin
 Taken 1916 in South Bend, Indiana



Home located on Indiana Street
South Bend, Indiana.



Indiana Street, South Bend Indiana.
The people are identified by dots:

● Etta May Oberlin Rainier

●● Ralph Joseph Rainier

●●● Hilda Georgeann Rainier

●●●● Richard Oberlin Rainier



Oberlin and Corbin reunion in 1909

Oberlin and Corbin family reunion
1909

Top row, L-R:

Margaret Eudora (Chapman) Corbin, daughter of Lewis and Mary Chapman

Ralph Joseph Rainier, husband of Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier

George Lemuel Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, daughter Charles and Sarah Jane (Duncan) Corbin

Commodore Edward Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Ida Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin, wife of Commodore Edward Oberlin

Margaret Marie Oberlin, daughter of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Commodore Perry Oberlin, husband of Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Bessie Mildred Oberlin, daughter of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Bottom row, seated from L-R

Mary Baxter (Duncan) Chapman, mother of Margaret Eudora (Chapman) Corbin

Mary Edrie Corbin, daughter of George and Margaret Corbin

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier holding her son Richard. Etta May is the daughter of Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Hilda Georgeann Rainier, daughter of Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier and Ralph Rainier

Truie Lisle Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

George Douglas Corbin with his dog "Queenie" He is the son of Charles and Sarah Jane Corbin



Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: November 1, 1868

Died: July 30, 1923

This picture was taken in 1919 at friend Sarah Parson's home
in Waterloo, Indiana.

Mary NiEtta was 58 years old.



Upper:

Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, grandmother of Joyce Springer and David Rohm. This picture was taken a few months before she died.

Taken: May 6, 1923

She died July 30, 1923

Lower, L-R;

Margaret (Oberlin) Warstler,
Commodore Edward Oberlin and
Bessie Mildred Oberlin.

Taken February 21, 1923



~~July 30, 1923~~ 2-21-23

MARY NIETTIE OBERLIN CORBIN.

Mary Nettie Oberlin, the daughter of Charles and Sarah Jane Corbin, was born November 1, 1858, in Smithfield township, and died July 30, 1923, at 4:15 in the morning at her home on North Cedar street, Auburn, in the 64th year, 8th month and 29th day of her life.

During the past six months of her life, the deceased was a sufferer from heart trouble, the immediate cause of her death being leakage of the heart. During this time she was a patient sufferer, uncomplaining and cheerful.

She was the mother of twelve children, five of whom are now living. The eldest, Edward, resides on west Seventh street, Auburn; and the next, Mrs. Ralph Rainier lives in South Bend. The other living children in rotation to their ages are George of Michigan avenue, Mrs. Ora Warstler of Center street and Bessie Oberlin, who made her home with her mother.

Six children passed away in infancy and one son lived to be twenty years of age before death claimed him. Besides the living children, George Corbin, residing in Smithfield township, a brother—and four grandchildren survive.

Mrs. Oberlin was a good mother and reared her children as become exemplary citizens. She resided the greater part of her life in Smithfield township and about fifteen years ago, she moved to Auburn, where she has since resided. She was a kind neighbor and friend. She was a member of Barker's Chapel congregation in Smithfield township. Her quiet and unassuming life made her beloved and, though during the last few years of her life she has been kept closely to her home by reason of her physical infirmity, she has found time to minister to the wants of others in in need of help.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, August 1st at her late home in Auburn and was conducted by Rev. S. E. Slater, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church. Her remains were laid to rest in the Waterloo cemetery.

Leaves have their time to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north
wind's breath;
And stars are set, but for all
Thou hast a season for thine own,
oh Death.

Youth and the opening rose,
May look like things too glorious
to call;
But youth and age and high and low
repose,
Wher'er the sickle of the reaper,
Death, doth fall.

LEAKAGE OF HEART IS FATAL TO AUBURN WOMAN

Mrs. Mary Nettie Oberlin Passed
Away at Home on North Cedar
Street Monday Morning

Mrs. Mary Nettie Oberlin died sitting in a chair Monday morning at 4 o'clock at her home on North Cedar street, leakage of the heart and complications. The deceased has not been able to lie down for the past three months, except occasionally, and as was her custom she was trying to get some rest Sunday night in a chair when the end came. She had been seriously sick for six months.

Mrs. Oberlin was born north of Waterloo in Smithfield township, and has lived in DeKalb county her entire life. During the past fifteen years she has resided in Auburn. She was born November 1st, 1858, and her age at the time of her death was 64 years, 8 months and 29 days.

Five children survive, Edward Oberlin, of West Seventh street, George Oberlin of Michigan avenue, Mrs. Ora Warstler of Center street, and Bessie, living at home. Mrs. Ralph Rainier, another daughter, resides in South Bend.

A brother, George Corbin living north of Waterloo in Smithfield township, and four grandchildren also survive.

The funeral service will be held at the late home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. S. E. Slater, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church officiating. Burial will be made in the cemetery at Waterloo.

The obituary of
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin
Born: November 1, 1868
Died: July 30, 1923

Duncan - Baxter Reunion around 1908

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Photo

Photo 1

Duncan-Oberlin reunion
Taken around 1906 or 1908
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Top row, L – R: (1st row)

- 1st person (man): Rollie Gramling
- 2nd person (man) Commodore Edward Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry
and Mary NiEtta Oberlin
- 3rd person (lady), Maude Duncan
- 4th person (lady) _____
- 5th person (lady) _____
- 6th person (man) _____
- 7th person, John Duncan
- 8th person, Bill Duncan
- 9th person, Ben Duncan
- 10th person, Lemuel Chapman, George Lemuel Oberlin's middle was named after
Lemuel Chapman
- 11th person, Jay Shafer
- 12th person, Ralph Joseph Rainier, husband of Etta May Oberlin Rainier
- 13th person, George Lemuel Oberlin
- 14th person, (woman) _____
- 15th person, Ella Jackson
- 16th person, Andy Duncan
- 17th person, (man) _____

Duncan-Oberlin reunion
Taken around 1906 or 1908
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2nd row down from top, L – R:

1st person (man) Paul Heckathorn

2nd person (man) _____

3rd person (woman) _____

4th person, Lydia Duncan, Ben's wife

5th person, Nina Duncan, Will's wife

6th person (woman) _____

7th person, Georgie Chapman Barker

8th person (woman) _____

9th person, woman with child, Etta May Oberlin Rainier and her son

Richard Oberlin Rainier

10th person, Mary NiEtta Corbin Oberlin

11th person, Dr. James Ott.

12th person, Nettie Heckathorn Duncan, Andy's wife

13th person, Mae Mortoff

14th person, Mary May Chapman Gramling

15th person (man) _____

Duncan-Oberlin reunion
Taken around 1906 or 1908
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3rd row down, L – R:

- 1st person, Grandma Heckathorn
- 2nd person, Commodore Perry Oberlin
- 3rd person, Henry Heckathorn
- 4th person (man), _____
- 5th person, Grandma Pyle
- 6th person (woman), _____
- 7th person, Louisa Jackman
- 8th person, Mary Baxter Duncan Corbin, mother of Margaret Eudora Chapman Corbin
- 9th person, Andrew B. Duncan\
- 10th person, Sarah Freed and daughter Vera Duncan
- 11th person, (man) Dara Duncan
- 12th person, Vid, wife of John Duncan
- 13th person, John Duncan
- 14th person, Sara Jennie Chapman Shafer

Duncan-Oberlin reunion

Taken around 1906 or 1908

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Short row of children, L – R

- 1st child, Clifford Duncan
- 2nd child, James Duncan
- 3rd child, Gramling boy
- 4th child, Claud Barker
- 5th child, Pysl Duncan
- 6th child, Hugh Duncan
- 7th child, Paul Barker
- 8th child, _____
- 9th child, _____

The very bottom row, L – R:

- 1st child, boy with head down, True Lyle Oberlin
- 2nd child, (girl) _____
- 3rd child, Mabel Days
- 4th child (girl) _____
- 5th child, Inez Chapman
- 6th child, Madge Chapman
- 7th child, Raymond Duncan
- 8th child, Glenn Duncan
- 9th child, Joe Duncan
- 10th child, Hilda Georgeann Rainier
- 11th child, _____
- 12th child _____

The two little girls in the middle with a dot on each, L – R: Margaret Marie Oberlin with her hand on the dog and Bessie Mildred Oberlin. Bessie is the mother of Joyce R. Rohm Springer

- 13th child (boy), _____
- 14th child (boy,) _____
- 15th child (girl, _____
- 16th child (girl), _____

Photo
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The Duncan-Baxter Reunion
Taken 1906

1. Bessie Mildred Oberlin (Rohm)
2. Margaret Marie Oberlin (Crofoot)
3. Lemuel Chapman, brother to my Great Aunt Margaret "Maggie" Corbin
4. Mary Baxter Duncan Chapman, mother of my Great Aunt Margaret
"Maggie" Corbin
5. Mary May Chapman (Gramling), sister to my Great Aunt "Maggie" Corbin
6. Georgie Chapman (Barker), sister to my Great Aunt "Maggie" Corbin
7. Mary NiEtta Corbin (Oberlin), my grandmother
8. Margaret Eudora Chapman (Corbin), my great aunt and wife of my
Great Uncle George Corbin
9. Sara Jennie Chapman (Shafer), sister to my Great Aunt "Maggie" Corbin
10. Mary Edrie Corbin (Teegardin), daughter of our Great Uncle George and
Great Aunt Maggie Corbin
11. George Douglas Corbin, my great uncle and husband of my
Great Aunt Margaret "Maggie" Eudora Chapman Corbin.



The Lewis Chapman Family

Top, L-R:

Lewis Chapman, Edward Chapman and William Chapman

Middle row, L-R:

Lewis Chapman, the father of the family, Mary May (Chapman) Gramling.
Mary Baxter (Duncan) Chapman, the mother,
and Margaret Eudora (Chapman) Corbin

Lower left, bottom row:

Georgie C. (Chapman) Barker,

Lower right, bottom row:

Sara Jennie (Chapman) Shafer

Margaret Eudora Chapman married my great uncle George Douglas Corbin.
George Corbin was the brother of my grandmother Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin.
George and Margaret Corbin were the great uncle and great aunt of
Joyce Rosalie Rohm Springer.



Bessie Mildred Oberlin
9th child of
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin
Born: May 5, 1898
Died: May 28, 1986 age 88
Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery
next to her husband Ford Lisle Rohm and son, David Lisle
Auburn, Indiana.

Ford Lisle Rohm and Bessie Mildred Oberlin were married December 23, 1923
They had two children:

David Lisle	Born: March 9, 1929	Died: July 11, 1949 age 20
Joyce Rosalie	Born: November 21, 1934	Died: _____

L-R: Sisters Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier and Bessie Mildred Oberlin
Taken 1916



14 of mother Bessie M. Oberlin Kohm is sitting under the blackboard to the left



The old Harrison School, Auburn, Indiana Bessie M. Oberlin is sitting under the blackboard to the left. Taken April 22, 1912. Bessie was 14 years old and she is my mother.

Arthur E. Morr Auburn Ind.

Row I

Wilma Wilderson 6

Anna Brandon 6

Pauline Manore 5

Gale Scott 6

Row II

Ruth Benson 6

Gordon Moore 6

George Wilderson 5

Stanley Hull 6

Bernice Moody 6

Hazel Hull 6

Margie Vann 6

Row III

Walter Shutt 5

Helen Whipple 5

Stanley Baxter 5

Ruth Krider 6

Hugh Bundy 6

Robert Bussard 6

George Walker 6

Row IV

Evelyn Gorman 5

Thelma Hoos 5

Harold Grate 5

Ailene Miller 5

Ruth Campbell 5

Harold Hursh 6

Row V

Marjorie Myers 5

Hilda Groves 5

Newel Donaldson 5

Arthur Morr 6

Marie Haynes 6

Row VI

Russel Kuhlman 5

Bessie Oberlin 5

Edith Stafford 5

Edna Carpenter 5

Cleo Funk 6

Roy C. Nugen Teacher

Harrison Building

before the new one was built.



My mother Bessie Mildred Oberlin is sitting under the blackboard to the left.
Taken April 22, 1912. Mom was 14 years old when this picture was taken.
This is the old Harrison School on the corner of Indiana Avenue and West 14th Street
before the present Harrison School was built.



My mother Bessie Mildred Oberlin is on the top right.
April 22, 1912
The Old Harrison School.



My mother Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Rohm when we was in the old Harrison School, Auburn, Indiana. This picture was taken April 22, 1912. Mother is under the 1 in 1912..



Cyrtogaster

L-R: Margaret Marie Oberlin 10 years old and sister Bessie Mildred Oberlin.
8 years old Taken 1906.

10 yrs old
8 yrs old

^{Went}
Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Crofoot
Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Kobern

Bessie Mildred Oberlin standing
in the cherry blossoms in Wateloo, Indiana
This picture was taken May 10, 1923.
She would marry Ford Lisle Rohm in
December of 1923.





Upper right-group of small pictures, Bessie Mildred Oberlin age 8 taken around 1906.
Middle picture: Bessie Mildred age 21 Circa 1919.
Her mother, Mary Ni Etta made all of her children's clothes.

To Bessie M. Oberlin
from Le Roy Rahm Brother B
Ford Lisle Rahm
Dec. 6, 1918

Dec. 6, 1918

From Mary A. Arhain a friend
of Bessie Mildred Oberlin

7 1920

To Bessie Mildred Oberlin
From Russell Blanchard
asking her for a ~~date~~
date

Letters from boy friend and other friends of
Bessie Mildred Oberlin

City Wed T. M.
Miss Bessie Oberlin: ~

I would
be very much to have
the pleasure of making your
acquaintance. It is with
me of this about mile of day
when I could expect to meet
possibly - I work at N. H. C. between
hours of 2 P.M. to 11 P.M. Hoping to be your
friend Harry. B.

My mother Bessie Mildred Oberlin received
a note from a man named Harry asking
her for a date.

To Bessie M. Oberlin
from James Russell Clark
Oct. 23, 1914

To Bessie. from
Harry Roscoe Nov. 22, 1914

To Y-
from. Roscoe
Dec 5, 1914

To Bessie. in from
James Russell Clark
Dec. 14, 1916

To Bessie Oberlin
from Russell Blanchard
May 1917

To Bessie. ²²
from. Russell Clark
Sept. 12, 1917

To Bessie M. Oberlin
from James Clark
Sept. 12, 1917



Upper left: Bessie's friend Pearl King.
I don't know what the name of the boy is.

Upper right: Dottie McGahn, Bessie Oberlin's best friend
for years. Bessie my mother wrote Dottie for years and
finally Dottie's daughter wrote my mother and told her
that her mother Dottie had passed away.



Aunt Maggie Warstler and her sister Bessie Rohm, mother of Joyce R. Rohm Springer lived at this location. The address was 248 South Center Street, Auburn Indiana. Aunt Maggie, Mary NiEtta and Bessie Oberlin lived at this location. My Aunt Maggie married Ora Dale Warstler and moved next door at 250 South Center Street which was owned by Ora Dale Warstler's mother until she died. Then Ora Dale inherited the home.
Taken 1923



Upper right: Mary Ni Etta Oberlin
with three of her children.

L-R: Etta May, George Lemuel
sitting on his mother's lap and
Commodore Edward. standing.

Lower right: L-R:
Margaret Marie Oberlin,
Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, their mother,
Bessie Mildred Oberlin. Seated is
Truie Lisle Oberlin





My mother, Bessie (Oberlin) Rohm and her niece, Violet June Warstler had their picture taken at the Warstler home, 250 South Center Street, on the north side of the house Auburn, Indiana They are standing in front of a beautiful Hydrangea bush. The beautiful fence was made by June's dad Ora Dale Warstler.
Taken 1925

Joyce Rosalie Rohm and friend Billy "Doc" Dennis.

They are sitting on Joyce's Aunt Maggie and Uncle Ora Warstler's front porch at 250 South Center Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Those were the fun days. Billy's parents owned Dennis's Greenhouse which was across the street from the Warstler home. The close up picture is of the beautiful brooch I was wearing!! Taken 1941



1941



1941

Joyce Rosalie Rohm and friend Billy "Doc" Dennis.

They are sitting on Joyce's Aunt Maggie and Uncle Ora Warstler's front porch at 250 South Center Street, Auburn, Indiana. Those were the fun days. Billy's parents owned Dennis Greenhouse which was across the street from the Warstler home. Taken 1941



Upper, L-R: Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, Margaret Marie Oberlin and Bessie Mildred Oberlin Taken 1918

Lower, L-R: Bessie Mildred Oberlin, Margaret Marie Oberlin and Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier Taken 1918



The Oberlin sisters

Taken 1912

L-R: Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, Margaret Marie Oberlin and
Bessie Mildred Oberlin.

This is my favorite picture my aunts and my mother Bessie (Oberlin) Rohm



Upper: Bessie Oberlin and her nephew Richard Rainier with their sweet kitties. Taken 1919

Middle, L-R: Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier and seated is Margaret Marie Oberlin. Taken 1919

Lower: Mary Ni Etta Oberlin and her grandson Richard Rainier and seated is Margaret Marie Oberlin. Taken 1919





Upper row, L-R:

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier, Margaret Marie Oberlin, Bessie Mildred Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin.

The first three are the daughters of Mary Ni Etta.

Children seated L-R:

Richard Oberlin Rainier and Hilda Georgeann Rainier, Children of Ralph and Etta May Rainier.

Taken at the home of Mary Ni Etta Oberlin.



Upper right and lower right: My mother Bessie M. (Oberlin) Rohm sitting on the east 7th street bridge in 1917. She was on her lunch break from the William Kessler's cigar factory where she worked. The cigar factory was located on the south side of East 7th Street close to Cedar Creek, Auburn, Indiana Taken 1917





The cigar factory workers on the East 7th Street Bridge.

Upper right:

Bessie M. Oberlin is the third from the right with a dot above her head. Taken 1917

Lower right:

Front row left is Bessie M. Oberlin with a dot above her head and her friend Peal King is where the arrow is.

Taken 1917



William Kessler's factory was located on the south side of East 7th Street, close to Cedar Creek

Auburn, Indiana.

Upper right:

Workers on lunch hour. Bessie M. Oberlin is in the middle of the picture with an X above her head.

Middle right:

Bessie M. Oberlin on left side with V above her head.

Taken 1917



Commodore Perry Oberlin's second wife, Sara, holding a little boy and the little girl on the pony is Violet June Warstler.



The DeKalb Furniture Company
 600 West 11th Street
 Auburn, Indiana
 Owner: M. Martin Polakow

The men in this picture are identified by dots.

● Commodore Edward Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry Oberlin
 and Mary NiEtta Oberlin..

● ● Commodore Perry Oberlin

● ● ● George Lemuel Oberlin, son of Commodore Perry Oberlin
 and Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin
 Circa 1925-1926

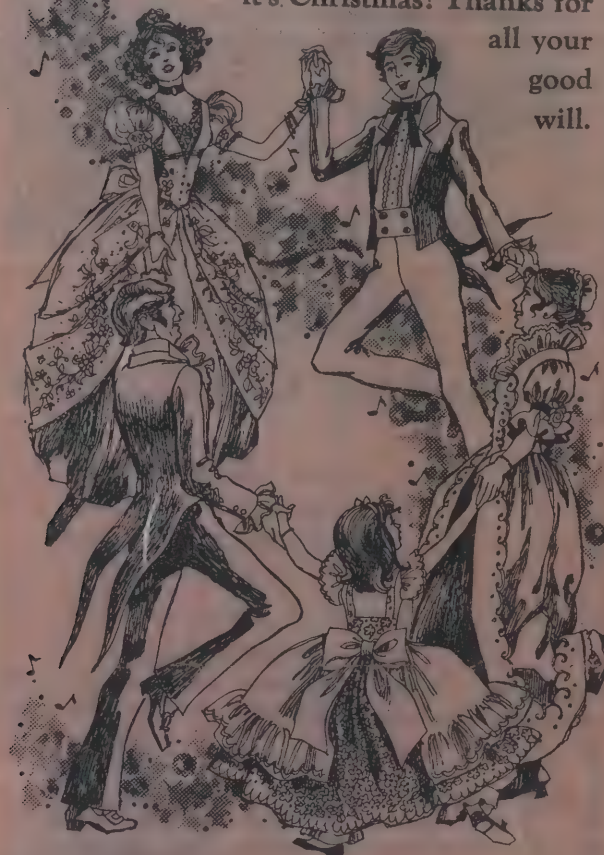
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary NiEtta (Corbin) are the great grandparents of Lynn
 Ann (Springer) Greuter and Amie NiEtta (Springer) Bauman
 My father, Ford Lisle Rohm also worked for this company at one time.



Bessie Mildred Oberlin in her Halloween outfit. Bessie is the mother of Joyce R. Rohm
Springer
Taken 1915

Greetings

Happy families, happy season—
it's Christmas! Thanks for
all your
good
will.



DONALD SCHAAB
JUANITA SCHAAB
ELIZABETH HERBERGER
KATHRYN REX
IRMA BRADFORD
KENNETH IRELAND
FRIEDA KNOTT
SELMA DIEDERICH
GRACE FRANCIS
JOHN KLAUSING
DELORES MARTIN
PAULINE POTTER
HARRIET STEBING
NOLA WYNE
MILDRED YODER

RUTH ZERNS
ALICE CAMPBELL
THELMA MADDEN
CASSIE PURDY
BESSIE ROHM
PHYLLIS SMITH
JEFF CARPER
PAULINE GLASS
SALLY WALSH
GEORGE DILLEY
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DENNIS HUMM
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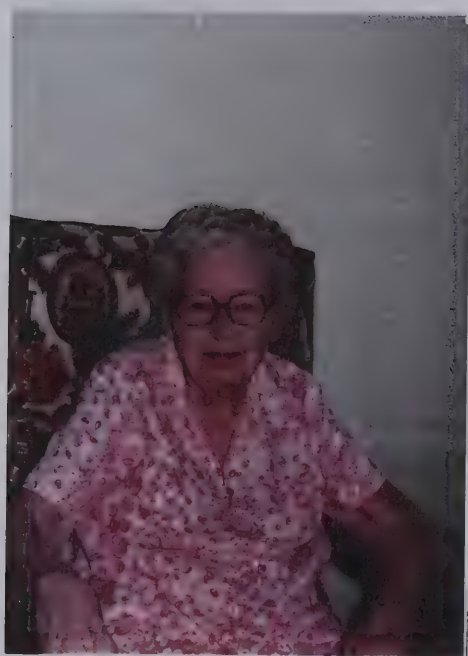
December 1970
Schaab's

Merry Christmas from Schaab's Department Store Auburn, Indiana.
December 1970

Bessie Rohm my mother worked there in the alterations department



Mom age -



The different faces
of
Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Rohm

Upper left: March 1980-Mom was 81 years old

Upper right: Mom in her late 50's or 60s.

Lower left: Mom at Betz Nursing Home. Mom was 84 years old

Lower right: Mom, taken June 16, 1979. She was the Bets Nursing Home Queen



Queen at 81!

Bessie Rohm, a resident of Auburn's Betz Nursing Home, will represent the nursing facility in a Fort Wayne Queen contest at Glenbrook Mall. The Nursing Home Queen Pageant will be held at the mall's center court on Saturday, June 16 at 2:30 p.m.. Bessie is one of 15 entrants who will be judged by a panel of local TV personalities. Judging will be on the basis of personality and vitality for their age, as well as on questions answered during a short interview. The winner will compete against queens from six other districts in Indiana. The state Tiffany Queen competition will be held September 22 in Indianapolis. (Star photo by Dottie Duncan).

Betz Nursing Home Queen
June 16, 1979
Bessie Mildred Oberlin Rohm

A walk down memory lane...



By Paul E. Brown

Hope you're all rested up 'cause we're going to take a little longer walk this time - to Waterloo. I think you'll like it though. One of our "walkers" gave me these "memories." Let's go!

See that building over there? That's a cigar factory. Didn't know that, did you? It was started in 1915 by Berton Poor. Let's go in and look around. There's Bessie (Oberlin) Rohm. Hi, Bessie! She was manager for over a year. Then a man - Arthur Warner - got her job so he could call on people. She went back on the bench.

Say, there's a lot of people working here - sorting, wrapping, and cutting tobacco for cigars. There's Rachel Silberg, Minnie

McIntosh, "Chuck" McIntosh, Frank Stevens, Audrey Cerney and Reba Eberly. Boy, look at them make cigars! They're good at it.

There are some more people you should remember. See, there's Lou Brown, Mary Wagner, Millie Freed, Cora Till, Mabel Marsh, Lynn Imhoff, Robert Bonfigalo, Edna McEntarfer and Lona Newcomber. There are other people working, but I don't know their names.

Business isn't too good, so I guess the boss is moving the factory back to Jonesville, Mich. Well, everybody will have to look for jobs. Say, how about William Kessler's cigar factory - just east of Holben's Garage? He'll probably have work. But it

means riding the interurban every morning at six and every night at five-thirty.

Well, there's always skating at the traveling summer skating rink in Waterloo. That'll make us feel better after working all day. Do you remember they had a Grand March every summer? Bet you didn't know that Bessie

Rohm and Rachel Silberg dressed in flag outfits that their mothers made and won first prize.

Seems as if our walk ended before it even got started good, but I sure got a lot to do so I better go before Dad comes lookin' for me. See you later!

Don + Aunt May,
Well what do you
think of this Clipping?
Some reading isn't it?
See you Sunday July 23rd.

Love,
Joyce, Jerry
& Lynn Ann

An Auburn newspaper article I sent to my mother Bessie M. Rohm when she was visiting her sister, Etta May Rainier in South Bend. July 14, 1972
The newspaper article had some memories of my mother when she worked at the cigar factory in Waterloo Indiana.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Bessie Rohm

May 30, 1985

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ORGAN PRELUDE

Marge Shook

Invocation

Kyrie

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
CONGREGATION: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.
CONGREGATION: CHRIST, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.
CONGREGATION: LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US.

The Psalm: 23

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Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
CONGREGATION: HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN
PASTURES: HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS

Pastor: He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.
CONGREGATION: YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY
OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL.
FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND THY STAFF
THEY COMFORT ME.

Pastor: Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil, my cup runneth over.
CONGREGATION: SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW
ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE: AND I WILL DWELL
IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR EVER.

The Gloria Patri (In unison)

Glory be to the Father: and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning: Is
now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lessons

Romans 8:31-39

John 14:1-6

Hymn

532

THE MEDITATION

The Rev. Dr. Clark E. Hobby

Hymn

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Nunc Dimittis (In unison)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in
peace: according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which
thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of
thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning: is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.

The Prayers:

Oh God, the Father in Heaven:
HAVE MERCY UPON US

Oh God, the son, Redeemer of the World:
HAVE MERCY UPON US

Oh God, The Holy Spirit, the Comforter:
GRANT US THY PEACE

Collect and Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Marge Shook

Bessie Rohm 1984

Bessie Mildred Rohm, 88, died today at 1 a.m. in the Betz Nursing Home. She previously resided on North Main Street in Auburn.

Mrs. Rohm was born May 5, 1898 to Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin. A homemaker, she married Ford L. Rohm on Dec. 24, 1923 in Auburn. He preceded her in death April 25, 1970.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Jerry (Joyce) Springer of Auburn; two granddaughters, Lynn Greuter of Auburn and Amie Springer of Auburn; and one great-grandson, Shane Greuter of Auburn.

One son, David Lisle, six brothers, five sisters, one grandchild and one great-grandchild preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Auburn Eastern Star.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn. The Rev. Dr. Clark Hobby, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call from 7-9 p.m. Thursday in the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

The Memorial service for my mother Bessie Mildred Rohm
at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana

The Memorial service for my mother Bessie Mildred Rohm
at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana

Resolutions of Respect



"There are stars that go out in the darkness
But whose silvery light shineth on,
There are roses whose perfume still lingers
When the blossoms are faded and gone."

"There are hearts full of light and of sweetness
When no longer their life current flows,
Still their goodness lives on with the living
Like the souls of the star and the rose."

In Memory of

Bessie Rohm

who died *May 28* 19 *26*

Once again death has summoned a member of our Chapter, and the golden gateway to the Eternal City has opened with a welcome. The work of ministering to the wants of the afflicted, shedding light into darkened souls and bringing joy into the places of misery is completed, and as a reward has received the plaudit, "well done" from the Supreme Master.

Whereas, The allwise and Merciful Master has called our beloved and respected member home;

And Whereas, Having been a true and faithful Member of our Chapter, therefore, be it

Resolved, That *Auburn* Chapter No. *103*

Order of the Eastern Star *Auburn*, Indiana, in testimony of its loss, tender to the family of our deceased Member our sincere condolence in their deep affliction.

SEAL

Patricia A. Starnes
Lowella M. Jones
James W. Smith



This book is in
memory of
Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Rohm
by her daughter
Joyce Rosalie (Rohm) Springer



**The Children
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta Corbin Oberlin**

Mary Pearl	Born: November 10, 1879 Died: April 24, 1882 Age 3 years
Commodore Edward	Born: February 5, 1883 Died: April 18, 1971 Age 88 years
Charlie	Born: March 12, 1885 Died: July 2, 1885 Age 3 ½ Months
Etta May	Born: September 7, 1886 Died: November 20, 1972 Age 87 years
George Lemuel	Born: July 31, 1888 Died: March 1944 Age 56 years
Annie Myrtle	Born: March 17, 1890 Died: December 29, 1892 Age 2 ½ years
Truie Lisle	Born: February 18, 1892 Died: 1916 Age 24 years
Margaret Marie	Born: July 8, 1896 Died: October 5, 1967 Age 71 years
Bessie Mildred	Born: May 5, 1898 Died: May 28, 1986 88 years

Burial locations of Commodore Perry and Mary NiEtta Oberlin's family.

Annie Myrtle "Myrtie" is buried close to her grandfather Charles Corbin at Hamilton Lake Cemetery Hamilton, Indiana

Bessie Mildred (Oberlin) Rohm is buried next to her husband Ford Lisle Rohm at Woodlawn Cemetery Auburn, Indiana.

Charlie Oberlin is buried next to his grandfather Charles Corbin at Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Commodore Edward Oberlin is buried next to his wife Ida Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin in the new section of the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Commodore Perry Oberlin and his wife Mary Nietta (Corbin) Oberlin are buried in the old section of the Waterloo Cemetery. Waterloo, Indiana.

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier is buried next to her husband Ralph Joseph Rainier in St. Joseph Valley Park Granger, Indiana, just outside South Bend Indiana.

George Lemuel Oberlin is buried next to his wife Nellie Katherine (Marks) Oberlin in the Woodlawn Cemetery Auburn, Indiana.

Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Crofoot is buried next to her 5th husband George Crofoot in the old section of the Waterloo Cemetery Waterloo, Indiana. Vincent Evans, Margaret's baby by her first husband Elmer Evans is buried next to her.

Mary Pearl is buried next to her grandfather Charles Corbin, Hamilton Lake Cemetery, Hamilton, Indiana.

Truie Lisle Oberlin is buried in the family plot of his parents Commodore Perry and Mary NiEtta Oberlin in the Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana

Mary NiEtta Corbin also had 3 miscarriages. She had 2 of her babies without any doctor or midwife because she lived so far out in the country and there weren't any telephones.



Mary Pearl Oberlin

first child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: November 10, 1879

Died: April 24, 1882 age 3



Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, 21 years with her first born child, Mary Pearl.
Mary Pearl is six months old in this picture.

Mary Pearl Oberlin
Born: November 19, 1879
Died: April 24, 1882, age 3



Mary Ni Etta Oberlin with her three children from left to right: Etta May, George Lemuel (on her lap) and Commodore Edward standing. Taken in 1888



Commodore Edward Oberlin

second child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: February 5, 1883

Died: April 18, 1971 age 88



Commodore Edward Oberlin
2nd child of Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin
Born: February 5, 1883
Died: April 18, 1971
Edward married Ida Mae Mygrant April 22, 1907 in Windsor Ontario Canada

Upper left:
Commodore Edward Oberlin age 1 year
Lower, L-R:
Commodore Edward Oberlin
Age 4 years old
Photo taken 1887



1 year Edward Oberlin



*4 years
Edward Oberlin*





Upper left:

Mary Ni Etta Corbin age 16

Upper right:

Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin

Taken in 1919 at her friend

Sarah Pearson's home in

Waterloo, Indiana.

Mary Ni Etta was 58 years old.

Lower left:

Mary Ni Etta Oberlin



Mrs. Edward Oberlin



Upper left:

Ida Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin
Commodore Edward Oberlin
Circa 1923

Upper right: Ida Mae's calling card

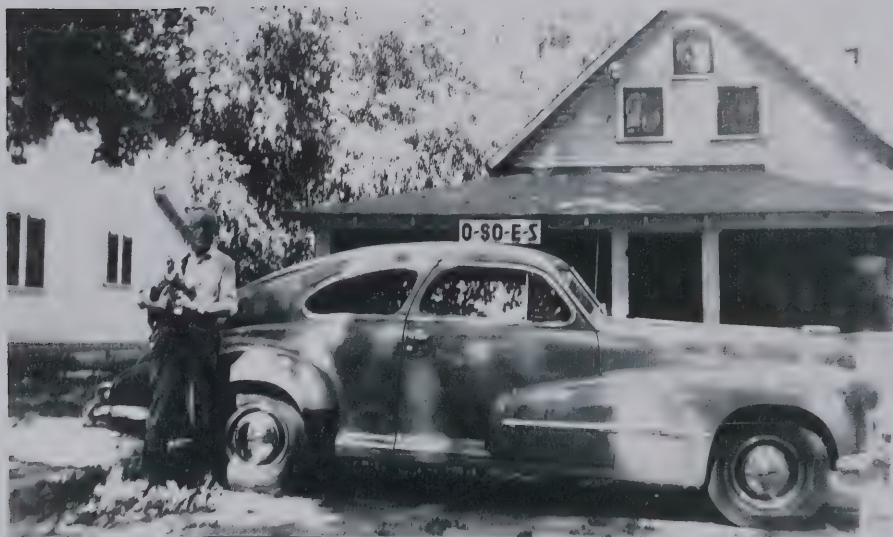
Middle right:

Edward and Ida Mae Oberlin at their
cottage at Penn Park Hamilton Lake,
Hamilton, Indiana
Sunday, May 6, 1923



Upper: Commodore Edward and wife Ida Mae Oberlin
Taken December 20, 1923

Lower: My Uncle Commodore Edward Oberlin with his dog "Snooks" This picture was taken
at Uncle Ed's cottage, Oakwood Park Lake Wawasee, Indiana





Feb 21, 1923



Upper left, L-R:

Ida Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin, wife of Commodore Edward Oberlin,
Bessie Mildred Oberlin and Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Evans
Summit, Indiana February 21, 1923

Upper right, L-R:

George Lemuel Oberlin and brother Commodore Edward Oberlin.
The little boy is Richard LeRoy Oberlin, son of George Lemuel.
March 18, 1923

These are all the aunts and uncles of Joyce Rohm Springer
Richard LeRoy is a cousin



The house in this picture was the home of Ed and Ida Mae Oberlin, Uncle and Aunt to Joyce R. Rohm.

The address was 512 West 7th Street Auburn, Indiana.

Back of the house is Rieke Corporation. Rieke's purchased the home in _____ and had it razed to make way for the Rieke sign.

This picture was given to me by my best friend Marilyn Kail Carr.

C. E. Oberlin

AUBURN — Commodore Edward Oberlin, 89, 426 W. Seventh St., Auburn, died at 8 p.m. Sunday in Glen Oaks Nursing Home, Auburn, of complications. He had been ill for several years and had been at the nursing home since Nov. 21. 1883

He was born Feb. 5, 1882, in Waterloo to Commodore and Ada Oberlin. *Indy*

He was a life-long Auburn resident and was a retired decorator and cabinet maker.

His wife, Ida Mae, preceded him in death.

Mr. Oberlin was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, Auburn, and the Church of the Brethren, Syracuse.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Etta May Rainier, South Bend, and Mrs. Bessie Rohm, 815 N. Main St., Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

The Rev. Carroll McNutt will officiate at funeral services at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Gerig Funeral Home, Auburn. Interment will follow in Waterloo Cemetery. *Funeral Home*

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Commodore Edward Oberlin
Born: February 5, 1883
Died: October 18, 1969
Is buried in the new section
of Waterloo Cemetery,
Waterloo, Indiana

MAE OBERLIN

AUBURN — Mrs. Mae Oberlin died at 4 a.m. today in her home at 426 W. Seventh St., Auburn, at the age of 84. She had been in failing health for several years.

Mrs. Oberlin was chief operator for the Indiana Bell Telephone in Auburn for many years. She was a member of Rebekah Lodge and the United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Oberlin was born in Zanesville, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mygrant, but had lived all of her life in DeKalb County.

She married Ed Oberlin April 22, 1907, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He survives. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Annabelle Stewart, Toledo, OH. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be at the Gerig Funeral Home, Auburn, Tuesday at 10 a.m. with Rev. Overmyer of the Waterloo Evangelical United Brethren Church, with burial in Waterloo Cemetery following the services.

Friends may call after 2 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Ida May (Mygrant) Oberlin
Born: 1885
Died: October 18, 1969
Is buried in the new section
of Waterloo Cemetery
Waterloo, Indiana.

The parents of Ida Mae:
Rev. Wm. Mygrant
Born: 1850 Died 1942
Amanda Mygrant
Born: 1855 Died: 1945

A Little Step Away
To close the eye, to fall asleep,
To draw a labored breath,
To find release from daily cares
In what we know as death...

Is this the crowning of a life,
The aim or end thereof?
The totaled sum of consciousness,
The ripened fruit of love?

It cannot be, for works of God
Are wrought for nobler ends,
And those away continue on
In the hearts of kin and friends.

It cannot be, for they live on
A little step away.
The soul, in the everlasting life,
Has found a better day....

O. J. HANSON

IN MEMORY OF
Mae Oberlin

BORN
1885

DATE OF DEATH
October 18, 1969

SERVICES FROM
Gerig Funeral Home
Tuesday, October 21, 1969 — 10 a.m.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
Rev. Samuel Overmyer

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Waterloo Cemetery

FUNERAL CONDUCTED BY
Forrest T. Gerig

The funeral acknowledgement of Ida Mae Mygrant Oberlin
Born: 1885
Died: October 18, 1969



Charlie Oberlin

third child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: March 12, 1885

Died: July 2, 1885 age 3 ½ months



Etta May Oberlin

fourth child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: September 7, 1886

Died: November 20, 1973 age 87

The Rainier family

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier was the 4th child of
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary NiEtta Oberlin

Jessie A. Rainier

Born May 30, 1862

Died: December 16, 1946

Mother of Ralph Joseph Rainier and Bradford E. Rainier

Ralph Joseph Rainier

Born: February 5, 1884

Died July 29, 1945

Husband of Etta May and father to Hilda Georgeann (Rainier) Shroff and
Richard Oberlin Rainier

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier

Born: September 7, 1886

Died: November 20, 1973

Wife of Ralph J. Rainier and mother of Richard (Oberlin) Rainier
Hilda Georgeann (Rainier) Shroff

Bradford E. Rainier

Born: May 2, 1896

Died: September 18, 1969

Brother of Ralph Joseph Rainier. Brad never married.

Richard Oberlin Rainier

Born: August 3, 1908

Died: February 19, 2005

Son of Ralph J. Rainier and Etta May Rainier. Father of
Marilyn Kay (Rainier) Morris and Linda Mae (Rainier) Guy

Winifred Eldonna (Barker) Rainier

Born: April 11, 1910

Died: June 23, 2000

Wife of Richard Oberlin Rainier and mother of
Marilyn Kay (Rainier) Morris and Linda Mae (Rainier) Guy

The Rainier family
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Hilda Georgeann (Rainier) Shroff

Born: July 31, 1905 Died: October 31, 1965

Wife of Lloyd Bon Durant Shroff and mother of
Jack L. Shroff.

Lloyd Bon Durant Shroff

Born: September 18, 1897 Died: September 1, 1979

Husband of Hilda Georgeann Rainier and father of
Jack L. Shroff

Jack L. Shroff

Born: August 20, 1940

Died: December 11, 1990

Son of Lloyd and Hilda Shroff

Wayne Bonamarte

Born: November 14, 1942

Died: March 19, 1984

Husband of Linda (Rainier) Bonamarte (Guy)

Gertrude G. Vogtman

Born: January 19, 1890

Died: June 4, 1984

Etta May Oberlin Rainier
Aunt to Joyce Rosalie Rohm Springer
Daughter
of

Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Corbin Oberlin

Married to Ralph Joseph Rainier

Born: September 7, 1886

Died: November 20, 1973

Auntie May lived at
401 West LaSalle Street
South Bend, Indiana





Etta May Oberlin
4th child of Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin
Born: September 7, 1886
Died: November 20, 1973
Buried next to her husband Ralph Joseph Rainier
in the St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger, Indiana



Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier
South Bend, Indiana



Ralph Joseph Rainier husband of Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier

Born: February 5, 1884

Died: July 29, 1945



Etta May Oberlin married Ralph Joseph Rainier
December 28, 1904



Seated: Ralph Joseph Rainier and his Brother Brad Rainier.
Circa 1915



Hilda Georgeann Rainier
Born July 31, 1905
Died: October 31, 1965 age 60
Daughter of Etta May and Ralph Rainier



Van Dyke-Seaton
Studios
DETROIT - CLEVELAND - COLUMBUS
DAYTON, O. - SO. BEND, IND.

Richard Oberlin Rainier

Born: August 3, 1908
Died: February 19, 2005

Richard is the son of Etta May and Ralph Rainier



Etta May and Ralph Rainier at a park in South Bend, Indiana. Ralph and Etta May were married December 18, 1904. They resided at 401 West LaSalle St. South Bend, Indiana.

Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier	Born: September 7, 1886	Died: November 20, 1973
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Ralph Joseph Rainier	Born: February 5, 1884	Died: July 29, 1945
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Two children were born to this marriage:

Hilda Georgeann Rainier	Born July 3, 1905	Died: October 31, 1965
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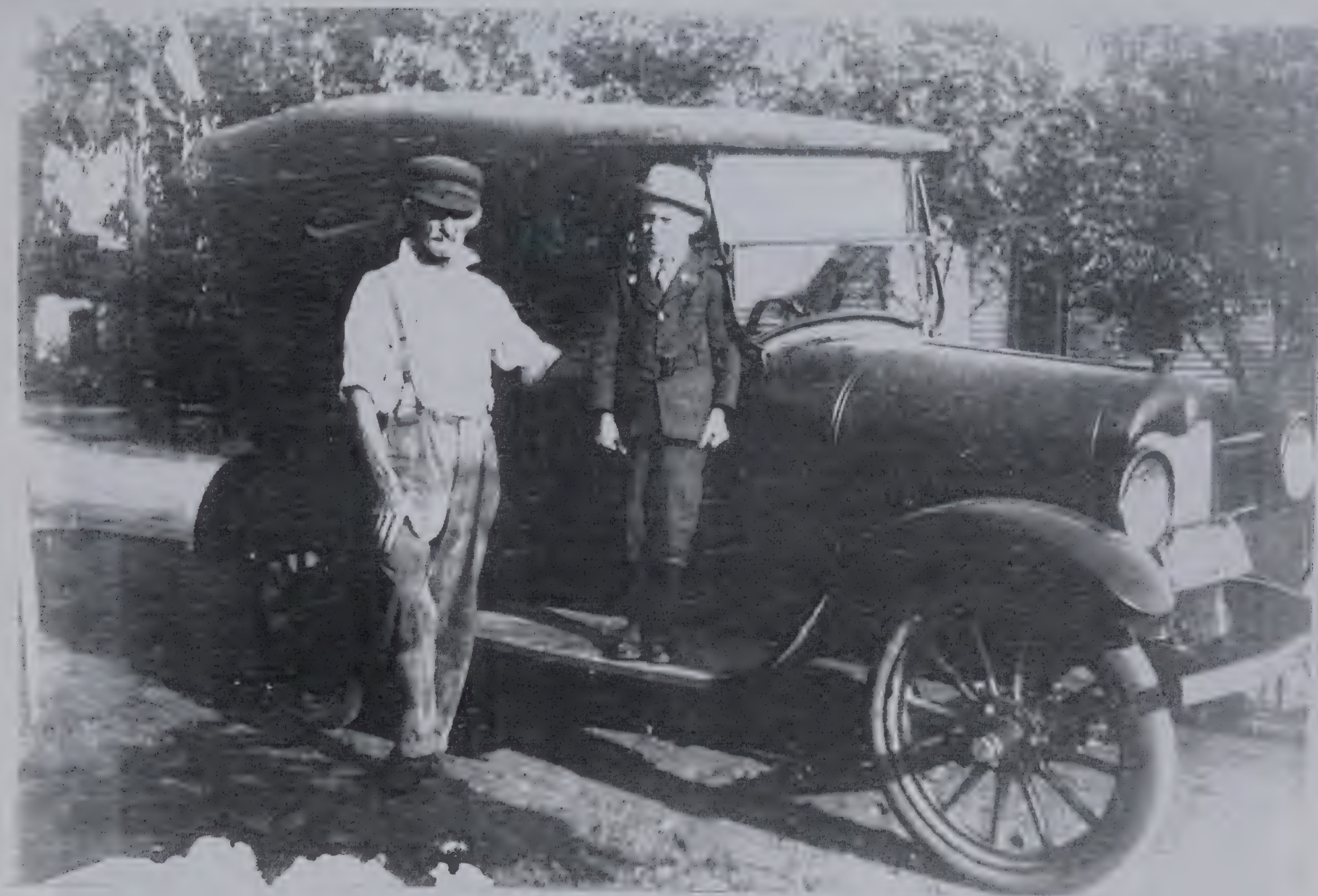
Richard Oberlin Rainier	Born: August 1908	Died: February 19, 2005
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All are buried at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger, Indiana



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Auntie May Rainier in her back yard at
401 West La Salle Street South Bend, Indiana
Taken June 9, 1938



Commodore Perry Oberlin with his grandson Richard Oberlin Rainier,
son of Etta May and Ralph Rainier.



L-R: Sara's son, Sara Oberlin, Commodore Perry Oberlin with two of his grandchildren, Richard Oberlin Rainier and Hilda Georgeann Rainier



Cousins Wendell & Annie



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Upper left, L-R: Hilda Shroff and Violet June Warstler shopping in downtown South Bend, Indiana September 17, 1937

Upper right: Hilda and her mother Etta May shopping in South Bend. Circa 1937

Lower left: Richard Rainier and his wife Winnie. Circa 1936

Lower middle: Jessie Rainer, Uncle Ralph Rainier's mother June 9, 1938

Lower right: Violet June Warstler, June 1939 at 401 West LaSalle Street South Bend, Indiana.



Hilda Rainier Shroff and her mother Etta May Oberlin Rainier
shopping in downtown South Bend Indiana.
Taken 1938



6-9-38



October 1946



1936
Cousins Winifred + Dick

Upper left: Uncle Ralph and Auntie May Rainier at their home at 401 West LaSalle Street South Bend, Indiana Taken May 1944

Upper right: Auntie May in her back yard on LaSalle St, South Bend, Indiana. Circa 1938

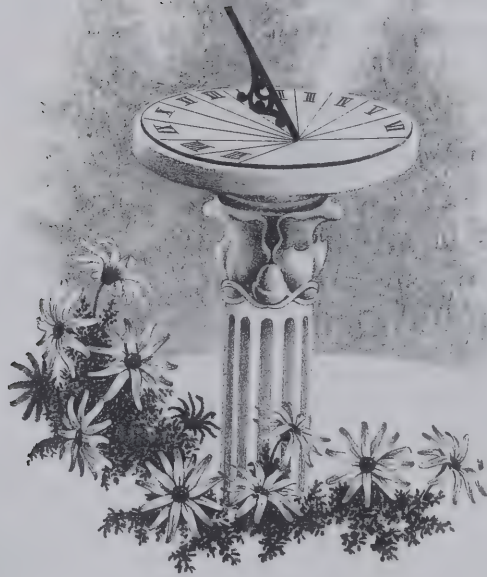
Lower left: Etta May Rainier at the Evergreen Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana October 1946

Lower right: Dick and Winnie Rainier Circa 1936



Hilda Georgeann (Rainier) Shroff and her mother Etta May Rainier in South Bend, Indiana in 1939.

*In
Remembrance*



Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier

Born: September 7, 1886

Died: November 20, 1973

Aunt of Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer and
Joyce's brother David Lisle Rohm

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.

But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
undying love...

In Memory of
MRS. HILDA SHROFF

Date of Birth
JULY 31st., 1905

Date of Death
OCTOBER 31st., 1965

Place and Time of Service
WELSHEIMER FUNERAL HOME
NOVEMBER 3rd., at 2:00 P.M.

Clergyman
REV. DAVID MAISH
ASBURY METHODIST CHURCH

Place of Interment
ST. JOSEPH VALLEY MEMORIAL PARK

Arrangements by
Welsheimer's
South Bend, Indiana

Hilda Shroff

Born: July 31, 1905
Died: October 31, 1965
Cousin to Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer
and David Lisle Rohm

Comfort

Oh, deem not
they are blest alone
Whose lives
a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man,
has shown
A blessing for the eyes
that weep.

The light of smiles
shall fill again
The lids
that overflow with tears;
And weary hours
of woe and pain
Are promises
of happier years.

... WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT

In Memory of

JACK L. SHROFF

Date of Birth

August 20, 1940

Date of Death

December 11, 1990

Place and Time of Service

WELSHEIMER FUNERAL HOME NORTH
11:00 a.m. - December 14th

Clergy

Rev. Loren VanOort
Christ the King Lutheran Church

Place of Interment

St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park

Arrangements by

Welsheimer's
South Bend, Indiana

Jack L. Shroff

Aug. 20, 1940-Dec. 11, 1990

GRANGER — Jack L. Shroff, 50, of Durham Way, was dead on arrival at 10:32 p.m. Tuesday at Memorial Hospital of natural causes. Mr. Shroff was a vice president of Ameritrust National Bank, Elkhart, where he was employed for 26 years. He was born Aug. 20, 1940, in South Bend and was a lifelong area resident. On Oct. 25, 1975, in South Bend, he married Marjorie Lutz. She survives, with three daughters, Karrie L. Shroff of Elkhart, Kimberly S. Shroff of Indianapolis, and Jacqueline S. at home; and a granddaughter. He was the coach for the American Athletic Union Junior Olympics of Elkhart Zoomers track team, secretary/treasurer of Elkhart Auto Dealers Association, and manager of Misty Acres Class A fastpitch softball team in Niles that won the national championship in 1973.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in

Welsheimer Funeral Home North, 17033 Cleveland Road. Burial will be at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Jack Lloyd Shroff

Born: August 20, 1940

Died: December 11, 1990

Cousin to Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer
and David Lisle Rohm



Upper: Auntie May Rainier in her dining room at her home at 401 West LaSalle Street South Bend, Indiana. Taken October 13, 1952

Lower: Auntie May Rainier taken just one month before she died. She came from the nursing home to visit her son, Richard Rainier. October 1973



Upper left: Richard Oberlin Rainier and his sister Hilda Georgeann Rainier.
Taken in South Bend, Indiana

Upper right: Hilda Rainier and her daisies

Middle left: Auntie May and Uncle Ralph Rainier's home
in South Bend, Indiana. It was a duplex house and they lived on the right side.
Taken April 4, 1993



Richard and Winifred (known as Dick and Winnie) Rainier
on their 50th wedding anniversary

You are cordially invited
to Dinner
in honor of the
50th Anniversary
of Richard & Winifred Rainier
Date August 20, 1983
Time 5:00 P.M.
Place Tippecanoe Place
620 W. Washington
South Bend Ind.
Linda Bonamarte
Given by Marilyn Morris
Phone 219-875-8786



R.S.V.P.

Invitation for the 50th anniversary dinner

Richard and Winifred Rainier

given by their two daughters

Marilyn and Linda

August 20, 1983



Cousin Winnie Eldonna (Barker) Rainier, 22 years old. Taken at Potawatomi Park Greenhouse on Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, Indiana. Winnie lived at 914 South 21st Street, South Bend, Indiana.



Dick and Winnie's 65th wedding anniversary,
August 20, 1998

In Memory Of
Winifred E. Rainier

23rd Psalm

*THE LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He
maketh me to lie down in green pastures. He
leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth
my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I
walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod
and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a
table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth
over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

Date of Birth
April 11, 1910
South Bend, IN

Date of Death
June 23, 2000
South Bend, IN

Services From
Palmer Funeral Home
Monday, June 26, 2000 at 2:00PM

Officiating
Rev. Philip E. Abram

Interment
St. Joseph Valley Mem. Park
Granger, IN

Arrangements By:
Palmer Funeral Home, Inc.
South Bend, Indiana



*Thank you sincerely
for your kind expression
of sympathy
It was deeply appreciated*

*The Winifred Granger
family*

Winifred E. Rainier

April 11, 1910 - June 23, 2000

Winifred "Winnie" E. Rainier, 90,
of Hearthstone Drive, Mishawaka,
Ind., died at 3:10 p.m. on Friday



June 23, in
Saint Joseph's
Regional
Medical
Center, South
Bend, Ind.

She was born
on April 11,
1910, to the
late Charles S.
and Nina

(Smith) Barker in South Bend. She
was also preceded in death by two
sisters, Myrna Goodrick and Ruth
Brown; two brothers, Charles
"Chick" Barker and Wilbur "Joe"
Barker; and by a son-in-law,
Wayne Bonamarte. She had
resided in South Bend all of her
life.

On Aug. 20, 1933, in South
Bend, she married Richard O.
Rainier, who survives. She is also
survived by two daughters, Linda
Bonamarte of Mishawaka and
Marilyn (David) Morris of Granger,
Ind.; a granddaughter, Melinda
(Daniel) Josua of Winter Garden,
Fla.; a great-grandson, Cory Josua
of Winter Garden; and by a sister,
Helen J. Barker of Mishawaka.

Mrs. Rainier was a member of
River Park United Methodist
Church, and was a past member of
the Order of Eastern Star.

Services for Mrs. Rainier will be
at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 26, in
the Palmer Funeral Home, 2528
Mishawaka Ave, South Bend, with
Rev. Philip E. Abram, pastor of
River Park United Methodist
Church, officiating. Interment will
follow in St. Joseph Valley
Memorial Park, Granger. Friends
may call from one hour prior to ser-
vice time in the funeral home.

6-28-00

Joyce & Jerry:
I am so glad
you were with
us Monday.

Erilyn

Winifred "Winnie" Eldonna (Barker) Rainier
Born: April 11, 1910
Died: June 23, 2000



Richard Oberlin Rainier and a friend at the nursing home where he lived until he died, June 20, 2004



Richard Oberlin Rainier and a friend at the nursing home where he lived until he died, June 20, 2004

In Memory of

RICHARD O. RAINIER

Date of Birth

*August 3, 1908
South Bend, Indiana*

Date of Death

*February 19, 2005
South Bend, Indiana*

Services

*1:00 PM, Tuesday
February 22, 2005
Hahn Funeral Home
Mishawaka, Indiana*

Officiating

*Rev. Kathy Miller
River Park United Methodist Church*

Burial

*St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park
Granger, Indiana*

Arrangements By

*Hahn Funeral Home
Mishawaka, Indiana*

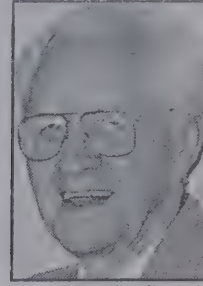
Richard Oberlin Rainier
Born: August 3, 1908
Died: February 19 2005
Buried in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park
Granger, Indiana

*To
Thank You*



Richard Oberlin Rainier
Born: August 3, 1908
Died: February 19 2005
Buried in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park
Granger, Indiana

Richard O. Rainier
Aug. 3, 1908 – Feb. 19, 2005



Richard Oberlin Rainier, 96, of Regency Place, South Bend, passed away at 11:04 PM Saturday, February 19th, in Regency Place.

Richard was born on August 3, 1908, in South Bend, and the son of the late Ralph and Etta May (Oberlin) Rainier. Also preceding him in death were one sister, Hilda Shroff, and a son-in-law, Wayne Bonamarte.

On August 20, 1933, in South Bend, Richard married the former Winifred "Winnie" Barker. She preceded him in death on June 23, 2000.

Richard is survived by two daughters, Linda Bonamarte of Mishawaka and Marilyn (David) Morris of Granger; a granddaughter, Melinda (Daniel) Josua of Ocoee, Florida; and one great-grandson, Cory Josua of Ocoee, FL.

Mr. Rainier was employed by Bendix in South Bend as a supervisor for over 30 years before retiring in 1972. He was a member of River Park United Methodist South Bend and the South Bend Masonic Lodge # 294, and was Captain of the Masonic Drill Team.

Services for Mr. Rainier will be held at 1:00 PM today Tuesday, February 22nd, in Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th Street, Mishawaka, with Rev. Kathy Miller, Pastor of River Park United Methodist, officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park Cemetery, Granger. Family and friends may call one-half hour prior to the service in the funeral home.



Hotel Oakwood, Wawasee Lake, Indiana
Winnie Rainier and her friend Edith Spuller
1988



Hotel Oakwood on beautiful Lake Wawasee, Indiana Oakwood Park.
 It is a landmark on Indiana's largest lake.
 Located a few miles from Syracuse, Indiana.
 Oakwood Park is the property of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, Indiana
 Conference North.
 Uncle Commodore Edward and Auntie Mae Rainier owned a cottage there.



Upper left, L-R:

Cousins Hilda, Jack and Lloyd Shroff standing in front of Auntie May and Uncle Ralph Rainier's home at 401 South LaSalle Street, South Bend, Indiana.

Taken July 29, 1955

Upper right, L-R:

Auntie May Rainier, Cousins Lloyd and Hilda Shroff at my apartment at 108 E. 6th Street Auburn, Indiana.

Taken December 28, 1959



George Lemuel Oberlin

fifth child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: July 31, 1888

Died: March 11, 1944 age 56



George Lemuel Oberlin
fifth child
of
Commodore Perry and Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: July 31, 1888
Died: March 11, 1944- age 56
Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, Indiana



Upper left:

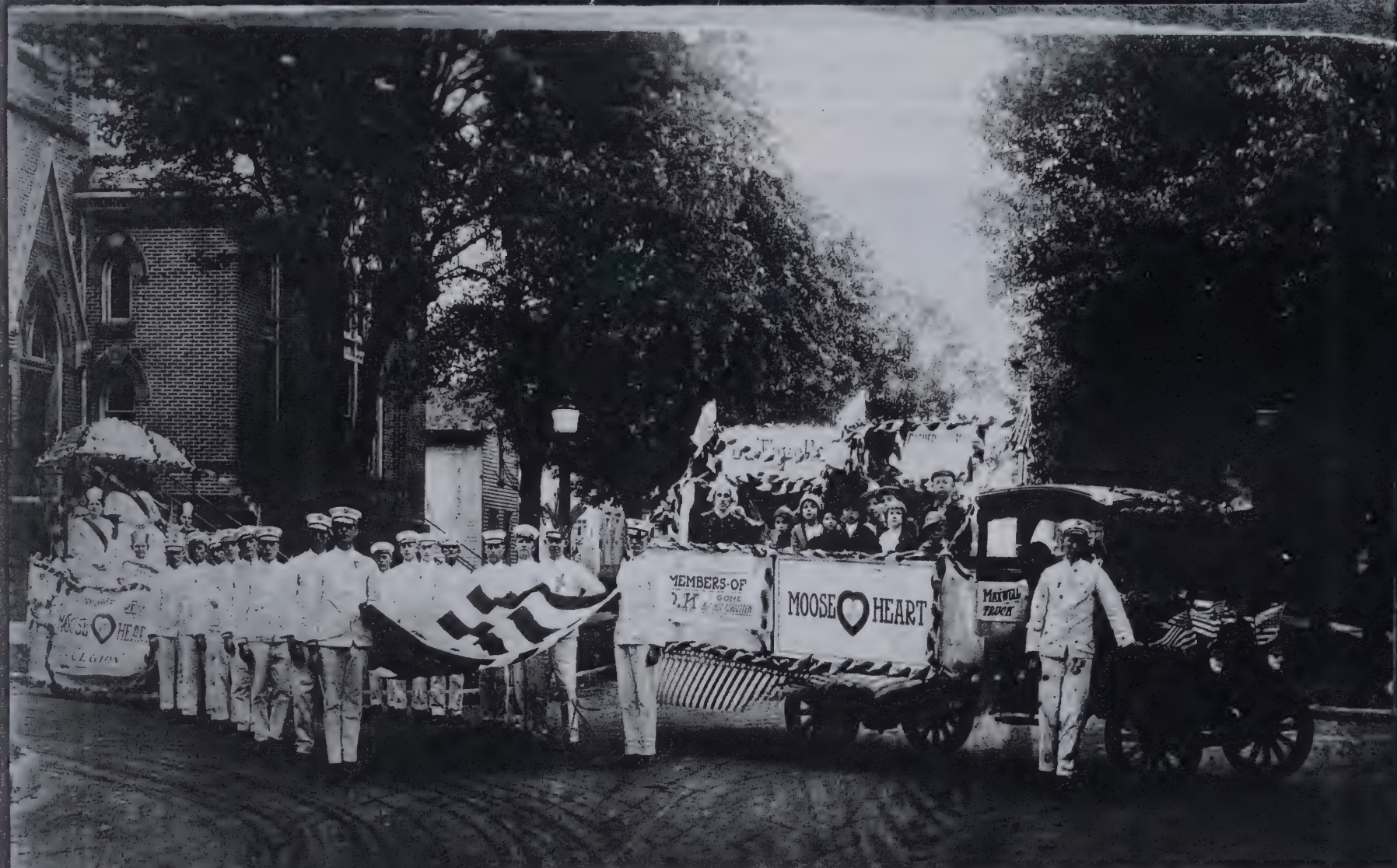
Nellie Katherine (Marker) Oberlin taken when she was 17 years old in 1910.

Born: April 13, 1893

Died: June 14, 1986 age 93

Upper right: George Lemuel Oberlin taken June 10, 1910

George Lemuel Oberlin and Nellie Katherine Marker were married February 14, 1912



Mooseheart float by the Moose Lodge, Auburn Indiana. Taken on the Northeast corner of 7th and Van Buren Streets. Float was probably for the big parade on Saturday of the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair. My Uncle George Oberlin is holding the flag On the right side. I have put an arrow pointing to him. This was probably taken in then middle 1930s or early 1940s.



George Lemuel Oberlin, the uncle of Joyce R. Rohm Springer worked at the Imp automobile shop. He is standing at the table on the right hand side. Probably taken in the 1930's.

Imp

IN THE TRIMMING SHOP

Upper right:

George Lemuel Oberlin
at age 51 in 1940.
He is standing at the
Texaco Gas Station
on the northwest corner
or 10th and Jackson streets

Lower right:

Photo taken not too long
before Uncle George
found out he had cancer.
Taken in the early 1940s



CANCER IS FATAL TO GEORGE OBERLIN, 55

**Auburn Resident Passes Away
at Sacred Heart Hospital in
Garrett after an illness of
Over Three Years**

George L. Oberlin, age 55, an Auburn resident, lost a long fight against cancer Saturday night when he passed away at 10:45 o'clock at the Sacred Heart hospital at Garrett. Mr. Oberlin, who resided at 315 West Eleventh street, Auburn, was a life long resident of DeKalb county.

He underwent an operation over three years ago but surgery failed to arrest the cancer and it continued to spread through his body. He returned to the hospital nine times for operations and treatments.

The deceased was born at Summit in DeKalb county on July 31, 1888, and was married to Nellie Marker on Feb. 14, 1912. He was employed at the Auburn Automobile Co. plant for many years and later at the Auburn Foundry, Inc.

Mr. Oberlin is survived by his wife; two children, Richard L. Oberlin of 524 West Thirteenth street, Auburn and Dorothy at home; one brother, Edward Oberlin of 514 West Seventh street, Auburn; three sisters, Mrs. Ralph Rafter of South Bend, Mrs. Ford Rohm of 447 West Eleventh street, Auburn and Mrs. Margaret Warstler of 514 West Seventh street, Auburn and two grandchildren, Sharon Kay Oberlin and Richard L. Oberlin.

Mr. Oberlin was a member of the First Church of God.

The body was taken to the Gorig funeral home and will remain there until noon Tuesday when it will be taken to the First Church of God to lie in state until funeral services at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the church. Rev. A. J. Klepenstein, pastor, will officiate assisted by Rev. Herman Hedges of 701 South Jackson street, Auburn. Burial will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

Uncle George Oberlin,
son of Commodore Perry Oberlin
and Mary NiEtta Oberlin
Uncle of Joyce and David Rohm

Born: July 31, 1888

Died: March 11, 1944

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery
Auburn, Indiana

Nellie Oberlin

FORT WAYNE — Nellie K. Oberlin, 93, died Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She had lived in Fort Wayne the past 12 years but had been an Auburn resident prior to that.

A homemaker, Mrs. Oberlin was born April 13, 1893 to William and Mae Marker in Garrett. She married George Oberlin in 1913 in Auburn. He preceded her in death in 1944.

Surviving are one son, Richard of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Dorothy of Fort Wayne; two half-brothers, Ted Terry of Fresno, Calif. and Pat Edgeman of Ferris, Calif.; five grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren.

A half-brother and a half-sister preceded her in death.

Mrs. Oberlin was a member of Fort Wayne Calvary Temple.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Paino will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Friends may call tonight from 7-9 at the funeral home.

Nellie Katherine (Marker) Oberlin

Born: April 13, 1893

Died: June 14, 1986

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**IN MEMORY OF
NELLIE K. OBERLIN**

BORN
April 13, 1893

DATE OF DEATH
June 14, 1986

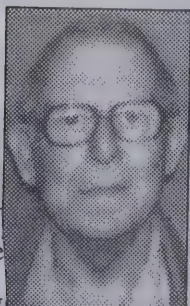
SERVICES
Tuesday, June 17, 1986 - 11:00 A.M.
Feller Funeral Home
Waterloo, Indiana

OFFICIATING
Rev. Paul Palno

FINAL RESTING PLACE
Woodlawn Cemetery
Auburn, Indiana



RICHARD L. OBERLIN, 87, died



Oberlin

1-14-2001
 Sunday at Parkview Hospital. Born in Auburn, he was a retired self-employed painter and decorator. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Dora, in 1963 and his second wife, Betty, in 1995. Surviving are five daughters, Deloris Ely of Montpelier, Sharon Braun of Fort Wayne, Canace Billings of Holland, Ohio, Deborah Fitzsimmons of New Haven and Becky Karl of Albion; three sons, Richard Oberlin of Fort Wayne, Paul Schoff of Fulton and Keith Schoff of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Dorothy Oberlin of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a son, Joe Oberlin. **Services at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Calling from 5 to 8 p.m. today. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery.**

Richard "Dick" Leroy Oberlin

Born: April 12, 1913

Died: January 14, 2001

**Son of
 George Lemuel Oberlin
 and
 Nellie Katherine (Marker) Oberlin**



Dorothy Genevieve Oberlin
daughter of
George Lemuel Oberlin and Nellie Katherine (Marker) Oberlin
Born: February 13, 1914
Died: _____

Dorothy was stricken with infantile paralysis when she was four years old. She completely lost the use of her legs.

Dorothy had a fairly active life despite being crippled. She worked at Messenger Corporation in Auburn for 34 years. She retired and lived with her mom until Nellie died in June 14, 1986. She then lived with her brother Dick Oberlin.

Dorothy (I called her Dosh) never married. She had chances to marry, but would not because of her affliction.

Dorothy is the first cousin of Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer. She is a lot of fun. I used to take her shopping in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana. I would push her in her wheel chair and shop all over downtown Fort Wayne.



Richard and Dora (Searfoss) Oberlin

Richard "Dick" Oberlin married Dora, his first wife

They had four children:

Sharon Kay, Richard Jr., Joseph Lyle and Candy Sue

Dora brought into this marriage three children, Reida, Delores and Phyllis Searfoss

Dora was a wonderful mother and a good wife

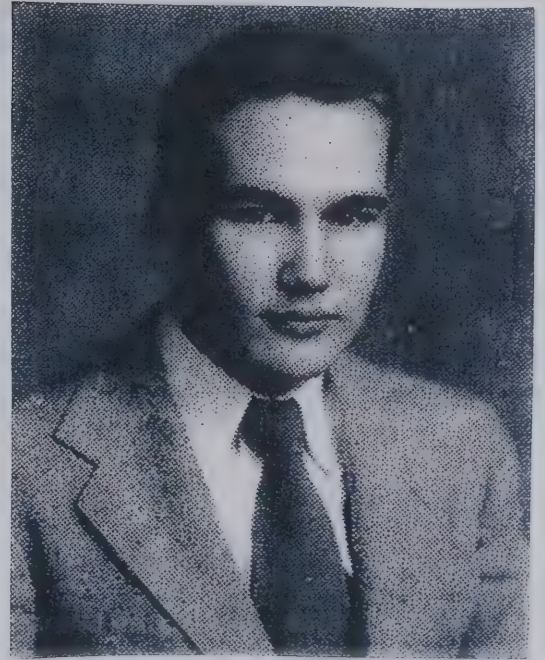
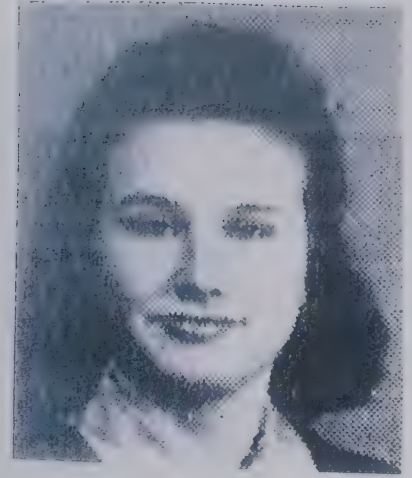
Dora died of cancer January 5, 1963

She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery

Auburn, Indiana



Dorothy Genevieve Oberlin
daughter of George Lemuel Oberlin
and
Nellie Oberlin
Taken in 1934
What a hairstyle!



Upper, L-R:

Deloros Searfoss and Reida Searfoss

Lower, L-R:

Phyllis Searfoss and

George "Bud" (Searfoss) Olinger

These are children of George and Dora Searfoss. Dora divorced Mr. Searfoss and married Richard LeRoy Oberlin. Dora and Richard gave Deloros and Bud Searfoss to Mr. & Mrs. George Olinger who were childless. Deloros did not want to stay so she came back home to live with Dora and Richard.



The children of Richard Leroy Oberlin and Dora Oberlin
Left-right:
Joseph Lyle, Richard Lee, Sharon Kay and Candy Sue

Sharon Kay	Born: July 19, 1941	Died: _____
Richard Lee	Born: June 15, 1943	Died: _____
Joseph Lyle	Born: June 15, 1944	Died: June 3, 2000
Candy Sue	Born: August 10, 1950	Died: _____

June 3, 2000

JOSEPH L. OBERLIN, 55, died Saturday at Parkview Hospital. An Auburn native, he was a Fort Wayne resident and 38-year employee at Fort Wayne Newspapers, where he worked in the Imaging Department. He was a Vietnam War Army veteran. Surviving are his father, Richard of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Deloris Ely of Montpelier, Ind., Sharon David of Fort Wayne, Candi Billings of Toledo, and Becky Karl of Albion; and a brother, Richard of Fort Wayne. **Services at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, 420 W. Wayne St. Calling one hour before services at the funeral home. Calling also from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.** Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery. Memorials to Fort Wayne Rescue Mission, Alcoholics Anonymous, American Heart Association or donor's choice.

Herbert C. Willis

Printer and Publisher

Waterloo, Ind., June 9, 1915

Received of Mrs. Etta Oberlin

Twenty & 10/100

Dollars

For the Lot in Cemetery

\$ 20⁰⁰

Herbert C. Willis, Secy

Per H C W

This is a receipt given to my grandmother Mary Ni Etta Oberlin. The lot is in the Waterloo Memorial Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana just north of the caretaker's shed. Those buried there are the following, Grandma Mary Ni Etta Oberlin, Grandpa Commodore Perry Oberlin, Uncle Truie Lisle Oberlin and Aunt Margaret Marie Oberlin Crofoot, Vincent Evans Margaret Marie's baby by her first husband Elmer Evans and George Crofoot

How they are related to Joyce Springer

Mary Ni Etta Oberlin and Commodore Perry Oberlin are my grandparents.

Truie Lisle is the son of my grandparents and my Uncle.

Margaret Marie Crofoot is my aunt.

Vincent Evans, son of Margaret Marie Crofoot and my first cousin

George Crofoot is the last husband of Margaret Marie Crofoot and my step uncle.



Annie Myrtle Oberlin

sixth child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: March 17, 1890

Died: December 29, 1892 age 2 ½

Annie Myrtle
6th child of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Born: March 17, 1890
Died: December 29, 1892
She is buried close to her grandfather Charles Corbin
at the Hamilton Lake Cemetery
Hamilton, Indiana



Truie Lisle Oberlin

seventh child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: February 18, 1892

Died: July 18, 1915 age 38 years 5 Months



Truie Lisle Oberlin
seventh child of
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta Oberlin

Born: February 18, 1892
Died: July 18, 1915 age 28 years and 5 months
He is buried in the family plot in
Waterloo Memorial Cemetery Waterloo, Indiana
Truie was stricken blind when he was 11 months old. Death was due to
Tuberculosis.

DIED AFTER BEING BLIND FOR 23 YEARS

Died July 18, 1915

Trius Oberlin Passed Away Sunday
Evening from Tuberculosis
—Funeral Yesterday.

Trius Oberlin, son of Mrs. Commodore Oberlin, who lives on West Railroad street, died Sunday evening at eight o'clock, at the age of 23 years. The deceased was stricken blind when but eleven months old, and he lived in dark all these years. Death was due to tuberculosis, and the end came as a relief to the young man who had suffered so many years.

The funeral was held from the home of his mother yesterday afternoon and the interment took place in the Waterloo cemetery.

Rev. O. B. Wells conducted the funeral service and Byers & Childs were the undertakers in charge.

Trius Lisle Oberlin, son of C. P. and M. N. Oberlin, was born in Summit, Ind., Feb. 18, 1892, and died at the home of his mother in Waterloo, Ind., July 18, 1915, aged 23 years and five months.

The deceased leaves a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters. Three brothers and two sisters having preceded him to the spirit world.



Margaret Marie Oberlin

eighth child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: July 8, 1896

Died: October 5, 1967 age 71



Margaret Marie Oberlin
 8th child of Commodore Perry Oberlin and
 Mary Ni Etta Oberlin
 Born: July 8, 1896
 Died: October 5, 1967 age 71
 Buried in the family plot at
 Waterloo Memorial Cemetery Waterloo, Indiana

In this picture she is standing with her first husband Elmer Evans. She was sixteen years old at the time. By the way— isn't that hat gorgeous?

Elmer Evans and Margaret Marie Oberlin were married February 14, 1913.
 She is the aunt of Joyce R. (Rohm) Springer. I always called her Aunt Maggie.
 She was my favorite aunt.



[Faint, illegible text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

Margaret Marie Oberlin was married 5 times in her lifetime.

First husband: Elmer Evans

They were married February 14, 1912 when Margaret was sixteen years old. They had one child Clarence Vincent Evans

Divorced: August 16, 1917

Second husband: James Shafer

Divorced: September 23, 1919

Third husband: Clarence Wyatt

Married July 5, 1920

Divorced: March 1922

Fourth husband: Ora Dale Warstler.

They were married February 24, 1923. They had one child Violet June Warstler

Divorced: September 7, 1943

Fifth husband: George Crofoot

They were married October 19, 1944

Margaret Marie stayed married to George Crofoot until she died October 5, 1967

I only knew Ora Warstler and George Crofoot the rest of her husbands died before I was born.

Uncle Ora Warstler was my favorite.

TABLE 1. Summary of the results of the regression analysis for the dependent variable: <i>Number of days of absence due to illness</i>	
Variable	Regression coefficient (standard error)
Constant	1.2 (0.2)
Age	0.01 (0.01)
Gender	0.05 (0.05)
Marital status	0.02 (0.02)
Education	0.01 (0.01)
Income	0.01 (0.01)
Health status	0.05 (0.05)
Work status	0.01 (0.01)
Family size	0.01 (0.01)
Number of children	0.01 (0.01)
Number of siblings	0.01 (0.01)
Number of parents	0.01 (0.01)
Number of grandparents	0.01 (0.01)
Number of great-grandparents	0.01 (0.01)
Number of other relatives	0.01 (0.01)
Number of friends	0.01 (0.01)
Number of neighbors	0.01 (0.01)
Number of community members	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social contacts	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social activities	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social events	0.01 (0.01)
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Number of social messages	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social emails	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social posts	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social comments	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social shares	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social likes	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social retweets	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social mentions	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social tags	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social hashtags	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social emojis	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social stickers	0.01 (0.01)
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Number of social videos	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social photos	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social documents	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social presentations	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social spreadsheets	0.01 (0.01)
Number of social databases	0.01 (0.01)
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Number of social polls	0.01 (0.01)
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Clarence Vincent Evans

Born: April 16, 1914

Died: March 12, 1915

He is the son of Elmer Evans and
Margaret Marie Oberlin Evans

The eleven months old child of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Evans died last Friday morning and was buried Sunday afternoon in the Waterloo cemetery. The funeral was held at the U. B. church and Rev. O. B. Wells officiated. Byers & Childs were the undertakers in charge.



Margaret Marie Oberlin Evans husband, Elmer Evans father Rupley Evans took this picture of Auburn's courthouse as it was blown up. Circa 1913 or 1914. There would be a new courthouse build in this location.



Margaret Marie Oberlin

Born: July 8, 1896

Died: October 5, 1967

Age 71 years

Buried in Waterloo Memorial Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana



Ora Dale Warstler
Born: 1893

Died: 1950

Ora was married to my Aunt Margaret "Maggie" (Oberlin) Warstler
Uncle Ora was my favorite uncle. He was so much fun to be with.
We would pick wild daisies for Aunt Maggie as that was her favorite flower.
Aunt Maggie and Uncle Ora lived at 250 South Center Street Auburn, Indiana.
This photo was taken in 1911. Uncle Ora was 18 years old.



Violet June Warstler

Born: December 10, 1923

Died: _____

Violet June is the daughter of
Margaret Marie (Oberlin) Warstler and Ora Dale Warstler
Photo taken in 1940



John Warstler

Born: March 17, 1828

Died: March 21, 1893

Buried at Bear Creek Cemetery CR 45
between CR 60 and 64 (has a head stone marker)

Father of my Uncle Ora Dale Warstler

Spouse: _____

Children: Mary Ann, Henry, Curtis, Oliver, H. Elias, William, Ida, Alva and Emma



**TUBERCULOSIS IS FATAL
TO AN AUBURN CITIZEN**

**Mrs. Martha Warstler Passes Away
at Home on South Center Street
at Age of 73**

Mrs. Martha Warstler of South Center street, Auburn, died at her home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from tuberculosis of the bowels, after being bed fast five months. She had been in poor health for the past five years. Mrs. Warstler's age at the time of her death was 73 years, 3 months and 18 days. She has lived in DeKalb county for the past 50 years, 21 of which she has resided in Auburn. The husband of the deceased, John Warstler, died 30 years ago.

Of the surviving children there are three daughters, Mrs. Frank Stoops of Cleveland street, Auburn; Mrs. John Berg of Jackson, Mich.; and Ethel Parker of Frankfort, Ind. A son, Ora Warstler resides in Auburn. Four grandchildren, a step-daughter, Ida Boren of Fort Wayne, and five step-sons, Curtis Warstler of Newville, Alva, Oliver, and Eli of near Auburn, and William residing in Auburn, also survive.

The funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Mark's Lutheran church and will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. S. E. Slater. Burial will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

John Warstler's second wife, Martha Hockensmith were married in 1874.

Martha: Born: May 14, 1849

Died: September 5, 1923 age 73 years, 3 months and 18 days.

She died at her home at 250 South Center Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Children:

Victor (died at 6 mos.), Bertha, Henry, Matty Ethel, Cora (Stoops), Frances (Berg), George and Ora Dale.

Ora Dale is my uncle



The Ora Dale Warstler's parents home at 250 South Center Street, Auburn Indiana. Ora's mother Martha is sitting on the front porch steps. Taken 1880.

Upper right:

Ora and Margaret Warstler
with their little girl Violet June
Taken 1924

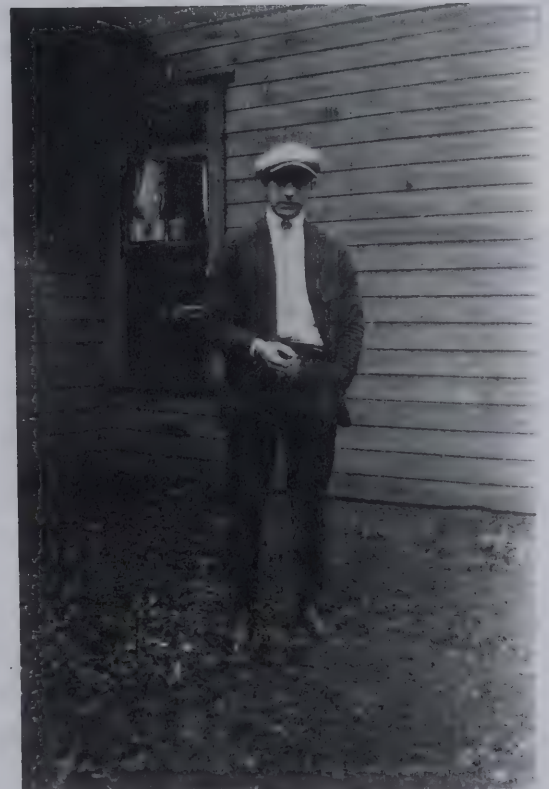


Lower left:

The Warstlers 1924

Lower right:

Ora Warstler
32 years old taken in 1925.





Upper and lower left:

Aunt Maggie (Margaret Marie) and Uncle Ora Warstler.

at Uncle Ed and Auntie Mae Oberlin's cottage at Penn Park Hamilton Lake, Hamilton, Indiana.

Lower right:

Aunt Maggie, Cousin June and Uncle Ora Warstler at their home at 250 South Center St. Auburn, Indiana. Taken in the late 1930s



Violet June Warstler
Taken in 1929 when
June was six years old.



Upper: Ora Dale Warstler 16 years old
Taken in 1909

Lower:
Violet June Warstler age 5
in a beautiful winter outfit
Taken in 1928





100. I was 71 and 1/2 in 1943

Uncle Ed (Commodore Edward) and Auntie Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin visiting
Uncle Ora and Aunt Maggie Warstler's at their home at 250 South Center Street Auburn,
Indiana .Taken January 1943
The daisies on the lattice were made by Uncle Ora because Aunt Maggie loved daisies.



Uncle Ora Dale Warstler and his niece Joyce Rosalie Rohm Springer. We were having fun leaning on the clothesline and eating an apple. This was taken at the Warstler home at 250 South Center Street, Auburn Indiana.

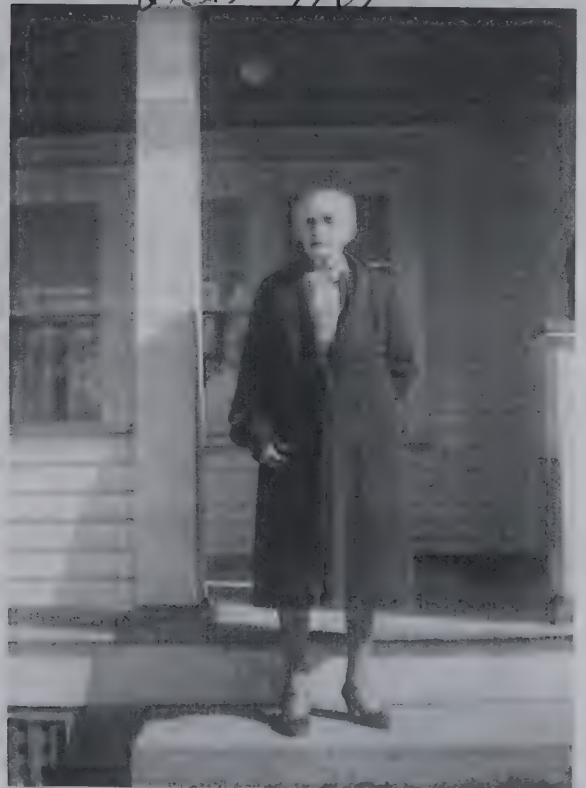
This was the last house within the city limits of Auburn Indiana at that time.
Taken 1939



Upper:

Aunt Maggie and Uncle Ora Warstler
standing in front of their home at
250 South Center Street
Auburn, Indiana. Circa: 1942

Lower: Mrs. Mygrant, mother of
Auntie Mae (Mygrant) Oberlin
taken on the steps of Auntie Maggie
and Uncle Ora Warstler's home at
250 South Center St. Auburn, Indiana.
Taken October 1939



Grandma Mygrant



Upper:

Auntie Mae and Uncle Ed Oberlin standing in front of Aunt Maggie's apartment in Garrett, Indiana. Taken in 1963. This building was razed in 2005.

Lower:

Violet June Warstler at her Uncle Ed and Auntie Mae Oberlin's house they had built in 1920. The address is 426 West 7th St. Auburn, Indiana.
Taken February 1938



Feb 1938



Aunt Maggie and Uncle Ora Warstler standing in their back yard at 250 South Center Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Uncle Ora built the fence in the back yard and also built a birdhouse that was a replica of their home. You can see the birdhouse just above Uncle Ora's head.

The garage used to be connected to the house , but my aunt and uncle had it moved to the back of the yard since they didn't have a car now any prospects of getting one.

The garage can be seen covered with trumpet vine my aunt planted. It was beautiful, it was also a home for wasps!

Taken 1940



- me -

August 1941



Dad

David Lisle Rohm

Upper middle:

Violet June Warstler and her cousin David Lisle Rohm on Michigan Avenue,
Auburn, Indiana. Circa 1929

Upper right: Violet June Warstler age 4
Circa 1929

Lower right, L-R: Cora Warstler Stoops, Ora Dale Warstler and Saloma, both his sisters.
Taken August 1941



Upper right;
Gary Wayne Brunson
and his Grandma "Molly" (Margaret Marie) Crofoot.
Upper middle: Gary, his Grandma Molly
and his mother V. June Brunson
Lower right Arlen Dale Brunson, Gary's brother.



JESSE OBER SCHOOL
1957-58



Ora Dale Warstler with his grandson Gary Wayne Brunson
250 South Center Street Auburn, Indiana.
Uncle Ora made the wheel barrow Gary is sitting on.
Taken 1948

Upper:

Violet June Brunson age 17
daughter of Ora and Margaret Warstler.

Taken 1940

Middle: June Warstler at her Auntie May and
Uncle Ralph Rainier's at their home
at 401 West La Salle Street South Bend, Indiana.

Lower right:

Neighbors of the Warstler's, Lionel and Idola Fleming
Lionel was killed in Europe during WW II.



Violet June Warstler married Argyle Franklin Brunson on May 27, 1943

They were divorced April 1976.

They had two children:

Gary Wayne Born August 3, 1947

Died: _____

Arlen Dale Born: January 4, 1951

Died: _____

Argyle and June were divorced after 33 years of marriage. They lived in Florida at the time of the divorce

June then lived with Russell Grider in Homestead Florida. He died and after a few years of living alone, she is in a nursing home in Elkhart so she can be close to her son Gary and his wife Deb.

Upper right: Violet June (Warstler) Brunson.
Taken in 1943 in front of her parents home
at 250 South Center Street, Auburn, Indiana.

Lower middle: June, Idola Fleming
and Rena Branson. Taken in
June's back yard on Center Street. Taken Sept 1939

Lower right: June in Florida.



1943



Idola



AUBURN MAN DIES FROM HEART ATTACK

Ora Dale Warstler, Age 59,
Stricken Suddenly at Home
with Coronary Thrombosis
— Funeral on Thursday

Ora Dale Warstler, age 59, passed away suddenly at his home at 250 South Center street, Auburn, at 10:30 Monday evening. The cause of death was coronary thrombosis.

Neighbors were called to the residence by the ailing man Monday night when Mr. Warstler was stricken with pain in his chest. Mrs. Violet June Brunson, Garrett, his daughter, was called from her home and she and her husband were at the bedside when Mr. Warstler passed away.

The Auburn decorator had been on the job as usual Monday and had been in fair health up to the time he was stricken. An Auburn physician was called to the home about 9:30 in the evening but all efforts to save his life failed.

Ora Warstler was born in DeKalb county on June 17, 1890 and had lived in his present Auburn residence for the past 30 years.

The body was taken to the Gerig funeral home in Auburn where it will remain for funeral services at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon. Rev. A. K. Trout, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church in Auburn, will officiate at the services. Burial will follow in Woodlawn cemetery in Auburn.

Surviving besides his daughter, Mr. Warstler also leaves five brothers, three sisters and one grandchild.

The obituary of Ora Dale Warstler
Uncle of Joyce R. Rohm Springer

Ora

Born: 1893

Died: 1950

Margaret (Maggie) Marie Crofoot
 Born: July 8, 1896
 Died: October 5, 1967 age 71

George Crofoot
 Born: July 7, 1904
 Died: July 22, 1982 age 78

George Crofoot 1982

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — George M. Crofoot, 78, a former Garrett resident, died July 22 in James Archer Smith Hospital at Homestead.

Born in Kendallville, Ind. on July 7, 1904, he was the son of the late Archie D. and Ella (Freed) Crofoot. He had been a Garrett resident until his move to Homestead and was a retired employee of the Garrett Creek Chub Bait Company and the Garrett Telephone Company.

His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death on Oct. 5, 1967.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Mrs. June Brunson of Homestead; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Crofoot of Kendallville and Mrs. Virginia Caudell of Miami, Fla., and two stepgrandsons.

Graveside services for the cremated remains will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Waterloo Cemetery. The Rev. Charles Gorden, pastor of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, will officiate. Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Heart Fund

MRS. GEORGE CROFOOT OF GARRETT DIES AT 71

Final rites will be held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the McKee funeral home in Garrett for Mrs. Margaret M. Crofoot, 71, of 215 South Randolph street, Garrett. Rev. Peter Soudah of the Presbyterian church will officiate and burial will follow in the Waterloo cemetery. *Oct. 5, 1967*

Mrs. Crofoot, a retired Bell Telephone Co. operator in Auburn, died Thursday at 9:40 a.m. in the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, where she had been a patient since Sept. 24. She had been ill for several years and she died of complications following surgery.

Mrs. Crofoot was born July 8, 1896, at Summit, Ind., a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Commadore Oberlin. She resided in Garrett for 25 years. She was married Oct. 19, 1944, in Fort Wayne to George Crofoot.

Surviving besides the husband are a daughter, Mrs. Argyle Brunson of Marion; two grandchildren; a brother, Edward Oberlin of 426 West 7th street, Auburn, and two sisters, Mrs. Ford Rohm of 110 East 13th street, Auburn and Mrs. Etta May Ranier of South Bend.



Aunt Maggie with her fifth husband George Newton Crofoot.

Aunt Maggie divorced Uncle Ora in 1943 and married George

October 19, 1944

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me; thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

In Memory of

MARGARET M. CROFOOT

BORN
JULY 8, 1896

Entered Into Rest
OCTOBER 5, 1967

Services From
McKEE FUNERAL HOME
1:30 P.M., OCTOBER 7, 1967

Clergyman Officiating
REV. PETER SOUDAH

Final Resting Place
WATERLOO CEMETERY

Funeral Conducted By
McKEE FUNERAL HOME
GARRETT, INDIANA



IN MEMORIAM



Bessie Mildred Oberlin

ninth child
of
Commodore Perry Oberlin
and
Mary NiEtta (Corbin) Oberlin

Born: May 5, 1898

Died: May 28, 1986 age 88



Bessie Mildred Oberlin
9th child of
Commodore Perry Oberlin and Mary Ni Etta (Corbin) Oberlin
Born: May 5, 1898
Died: May 28, 1986 age 88
Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery
next to her husband Ford Lisle Rohm and son, David Lisle
Auburn, Indiana.

Ford Lisle Rohm and Bessie Mildred Oberlin were married December 23, 1923
They had two children:

David Lisle	Born: March 9, 1929	Died: July 11, 1949 age 20
Joyce Rosalie	Born: November 21, 1934	Died: _____



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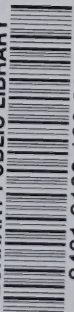


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